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Protests against austerity measures

Worst riots hit Algiers

ALGIERS, Oct. 7. (Agencies): Police dispersed Muslim fundamentalists who gathered from morning prayers in the Algerian capital today after many people were killed and wounded in two days of protests against President Chedli Benjedid's austerity measures, witnesses said.

The military yesterday banned all protests and public meetings and a state of emergency was imposed in Algiers and its suburbs.

The rioting was the worst since Algeria gained independence from France in 1962.

Witnesses who visited the city hospitals today said many people had been killed and scores wounded in clashes with security forces yesterday.

Moved

At least two of the dead were killed last evening in clashes between youthful demonstrators and troops backed by tanks and armoured cars in the El Biar diplomatic quarter of Algiers, hospital sources said.

The two were identified by their mother Nabila Bouzidi as Riadh Bouzidi, 14, and his brother Nadim Bouzidi, 23. She told reporters she also saw the corpses of several other demonstrators in the morgue of the Bitria Hospital. Another

source saw other bodies at the Mustapha Hospital.

Army tanks moved into the center of Algiers this morning from surrounding hills, ringed the headquarters of the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) Party and took up position by the city's main Aurassi Hotel. Others cordoned off El Biar.

Many people were reported killed in the impoverished Chevalley area on the southern outskirts of Algiers where Muslim fundamentalists have considerable support. Troops surrounded that neighbourhood last night, witnesses said.

Regretted

The Army, which is guarding trouble-spots like ministries, factories and petrol stations, did not intervene and police did not open fire.

The new military command for Algiers, created yesterday to put an end to serious outbreaks of arson and looting, said earlier that some rioters and security personnel were killed in clashes yesterday and early today.

A communiqué issued by the official news agency APS said the military command regretted the loss of life on both sides.

It did not give figures but Algerians residents earlier reported many dead and wounded in the clashes and an Algiers hospital told Reuters it had taken in some

50 wounded youngsters since Tuesday evening.

Some unofficial estimates of casualties speak of tens of dead and hundreds of wounded. The military command announced that 900 people had been arrested in the preceding days, saying they were caught "red-handed in pillage and vandalism."

Tension was especially high in the Algerian capital today because it is the Muslim holy day, Islamic fundamentalists opposed to the secular one-party state have been an element in the protests, Algeria-watchers said. The government also has come under criticism from some Army officers for its recent rapprochement with neighbouring Morocco.

Youths tried to gather in a downtown square near Algiers University.

Involved

But blue-uniformed police in full riot gear brandishing night sticks patrolled the area in vans. The police officers, wearing visored helmets and armed with rifles, jumped out of the vans and pushed and shoved the youths any time they tried to group up, ordering them to disperse.

Many ordinary Muslims not involved in the disturbances left their homes for the first time in days and spent the morning praying in city mosques.

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Kuwait hopes to appoint envoy to Iran soon

KUWAIT, Oct. 7. (Agencies): Kuwait hopes to appoint an ambassador to Iran soon, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed said.

"There is a Kuwaiti-Iranian desire to return to the good relations which prevailed in the past," the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported him as saying after meeting his Iranian counterpart Ali Akbar Velayati in New York.

Kuwait expelled five Iranian diplomats last year after accusing Iran of firing missiles at its oil installations, mining its harbours and attacking its tankers in the Gulf.

But ties have warmed since the Aug 20 ceasefire in the eight-year war between Iran and Iraq in which Kuwait backed Baghdad.

Reopened

The Kuwaiti embassy in Tehran, ransacked by demonstrators in August 1987, had reopened under a charge d'affaires, he told KUNA on Wednesday night.

Sheikh Sabah appealed for UN contacts with Gulf countries to secure navigation in the Gulf in line with Security Council Resolution 598.

The resolution calls on the UN secretary-general to examine measures to enhance the security and stability of the region in consultation with Iran, Iraq and other Gulf states.

Meanwhile, an Iranian Foreign Ministry official was quoted by IRNA as saying Kuwait's appointment of a new charge d'affaires signalled a new turn in relations and an exchange of ambassadors was likely to follow.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal told the Saudi Press Agency in New York on Wednesday his country did not want to deepen enmity toward Iran, but wants to maintain normal ties.

Prince Saud said any improvement in Saudi-Iranian ties would be linked to parallel improvements in Iran's relations with other Gulf Arab states, and the achievement of lasting peace in the Gulf conflict.

England call off cricket tour of India

LONDON, Oct. 7. (Reuters): England today finally cancelled their cricket tour of India in the wake of the ban on players with South African links.

The English Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) made the announcement in a statement following weeks of controversy over the Indian demand that eight players, including captain Graham Gooch, be left out of the squad.

"All final attempts to enable the tour to India to take place have been to no avail so the tour is therefore called off," the TCCB said in a statement read out by chief executive Alan Smith.

Ineligible

"The TCCB is disappointed that members of its team, selected entirely in accordance with unanimously agreed International Cricket Conference (ICC) rules, should find themselves ineligible for visas to enter India."

Smith said the TCCB would attempt to arrange an alternative tour, "though it is accepted that with the congested programme already arranged this may not be easy."

The tour was effectively doomed last month when the Indian government said it would not issue visas to the eight players who had previously played or coached in South Africa.

Smith said the England players would remain under contract and would be paid a substantial portion of their fees.

The TCCB would consider asking India for compensation, he said.

It is 20 years since England last called off a tour because of

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Velayati (left) greeted by Sheikh Sabah during a meeting at the UN. (Reuters wirephoto)

Refugee camps under curfew

4 shot dead, 27 hurt in Nablus clashes

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Israeli soldiers shot dead four Palestinians and wounded 27 in the occupied West Bank town of Nablus today in clashes which flared after troops killed an Arab the previous night, Palestinian and hospital sources said.

The army confirmed two dead and 14 injured in Nablus today and said it was checking reports of other casualties.

The army clamped curfews on Nablus, where soldiers and Palestinians have clashed every day this week. The nearby Balata and Askar refugee camps were also under curfew today.

The victims included Ahmed Muhammad El Mashharawi, 17, who died of bullet wounds, sources at Huhad Hospital in Nablus said.

Twenty-seven wounded Palestinians, most of them shot, were admitted to Injili Hospital in Nablus today, hospital sources said.

Injured

Military sources said one soldier was injured by a stone. Palestinians said Samir Bahloul, 24, died instantly from bullet wounds in the head and chest when soldiers fired on stone-throwing demonstrators early this morning. Three Arabs were injured.

The clash erupted after a funeral procession for a 27-year-old Nablus man shot dead by troops yesterday. Soldiers did not intervene in the march but opened fire to disperse protesters following the man's burial.

The sources said Bahloul was killed outside his house near the Salah e-Din Mosque and may not have been involved in the protest.

The demonstrations spread to other areas of the city, and soldiers later shot dead Jamal Ali Najjar and Ali Al Sayikh, hospital and security sources said.

Meanwhile Foreign Ministry officials said that Israel will resist moves by UN relief agencies to increase their role in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

An official said the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), which helps 200,000 Palestinian refugees in the territories, had requested permission to extend its services to all 1.5 million residents there.

The official said Israel supported humanitarian aid by the relief agency but there were some signs that UN organisations active in the territories were trying to enlarge their spheres of activity and Israel was against this.

"We basically support any humanitarian initiative but we insist that any such initiative be co-ordinated with us."

The demonstrations spread to other areas of the city, and soldiers later shot dead Jamal Ali Najjar and Ali Al Sayikh, hospital and security sources said.

According to Miller, Jerry continued the performance after Tarzan was removed from the ring. The tamer later went to hospital to have his scratches bandaged.

Deal to break Gulf peace talks stalemate

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 7. (AP): Sources said that Iran has agreed to stop searching neutral shipping in the Gulf for war cargo, and Iraq will agree to postpone discussion of the Shatt Al Arab waterway in order to unfreeze Gulf war peace talks.

The arrangement would break a stalemate that has blocked progress since the talks began on Aug 25 in Geneva, said UN sources and others close to the Iraqi mission, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar proposed the compromise in a series of direct and indirect peace talks with the foreign ministers of Iran and Iraq at the United Nations.

Under the proposal, Iran would cease stopping neutral vessels in international waters of the Gulf and Strait of Hormuz to seize war cargo, and Iraq agreed it will wait to discuss its rights to use the Shatt Al Arab water until later in the negotiations.

Both parties will instead proceed to arrange a withdrawal of their forces to the internationally recognised border, and will discuss the repatriation of prisoners of war, the sources said.

The compromise will not be announced until after the peace talks resume in Geneva later this month because the Iraqis want to wait several weeks to see if Tehran honours the agreement, said the sources.

The Shatt Al Arab is Iraq's only waterway to the Gulf. Iran has a long Gulf coastline with various ports.

The issue of whether both nations share rights to the waterway under a 1975 treaty or whether Iraq has sovereignty over the entire passage and both its banks will be taken up later in the peace talks, when the parties discuss longstanding issues as

part of a peace treaty, said the sources.

Baghdad also had said Iran's practice of searching ships for Iraq-bound war cargo, a right that nations at war are generally recognised to have, violated a UN Security Council resolution calling for the parties to "discontinue all military activities on land, at sea and in the air."

Search

Iran had insisted it had the right to search for war cargo.

Both nations have a bid by a ceasefire since Aug 20.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, reporting modest progress in peace talks here with Iraq, said yesterday that he was ready to continue the negotiations at the behest of the UN secretary-general.

At a news conference, he said: "I cannot go into details, but I can tell you that the situation now is better than (it was at) the beginning."

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz said before leaving for Baghdad on Tuesday that discussions should resume in Geneva, where they began on Aug 25.

Velayati said that although Iraq had said it would be unwilling to hold substantive talks in New York there was substantive discussion "and modest progress has been made."

Raised

Iraq yesterday accused Iran of several violations of the UN-sponsored ceasefire.

Iraqi Ambassador to the UN Ismat Kattani said Iran had engaged in various engineering operations to fortify strongholds and had raised an Iranian flag near an Iraqi forward position during the period Sept 28-30.

The charges were made in a letter to Perez de Cuellar dated Oct 5 and made public yesterday. Iran also accused Iraq of dozens of violations of truce.

Zia supporters form election alliance

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Supporters of the late President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq have banded together to fight Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party in elections next month.

An announcement by leaders of eight mainly right-wing and religious parties last night said the alliance would put up joint candidates on Nov 16.

The elections are the first to be contested by political parties, since Zia seized power in 1977.

The programme of the "Islamic Democratic Alliance" (IDA) included making Islamic law supreme in Pakistan and full support for the "holy war" of Muslim rebels in neighbouring Afghanistan.

Political analysis said the alliance is dominated by the Pakistan Muslim League headed by federal and provincial ministers appointed by the late military ruler. The other seven parties

have little national influence individually, they said.

The alliance was formed at a meeting called by former Sind province Chief Minister Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, a Bhutto ally who broke with the 35-year-old People's Party leader two years ago.

In 1970 the People's Party under Benazir's father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, won 59 per cent of National Assembly seats with only 39 per cent of the popular vote.

Political pundits say Zia's death in a plane crash on Aug 17 has made the People's Party a favourite to become at least the leading party in the assembly.

The party in turn dominates the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy, a nine-party anti-Zia alliance.

Three other parties, including the Pakistan Muslim League (Junejo) headed by former Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo, are also widely reported to be planning an electoral pact.

Lebanese political crisis continues

Muslims reject UN-supervised poll

BEIRUT, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Muslim leaders rejected today a French proposal that the United Nations should supervise a presidential election in Lebanon to resolve the country's political crisis, officials said.

French Ambassador Paul Blanc met Sunni Muslim acting Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss and Shiite House Speaker Hussein Husseini to discuss the suggestion.

Some Christian leaders have welcomed the proposal, but Al Hoss told reporters that it was not necessary to deploy UN troops to ensure the election of a head of state.

"The reasons behind the failure to hold a presidential election have not been related to security issues so far, but to the lack of consensus on the President's identity and his political line," Al Hoss said.

"If there was an agreement on the next President, the issues of the venue (for an election) and

security measures around it would become secondary or not open to discussion."

Diplomatic sources said French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas suggested to the other permanent members of the UN Security Council — Britain, China, the Soviet Union and the United States — that UN troops should safeguard an election.

Lebanon was left with rival governments claiming legitimacy after Christian deputies boycotted two parliamentary sessions to prevent the election of pro-Syrian presidential candidates.

The French suggestion was one of several ideas discussed by the five permanent members to end the crisis, which has prompted fears of partition and fresh violence in Lebanon's 13-year civil war.

"Initiative is a strong word. Let's say these are ideas in the air which may touch the ground sometimes. These ideas are

interesting enough to be debated," Blanc told reporters after he met Husseini.

US envoy Richard Murphy, who negotiated a US-Syrian pact to back parliamentary Deputy Mikhael Daher for the presidency, told the leftist As Safir newspaper yesterday that Washington was still committed to the agreement.

Syria will not allow Lebanon to be partitioned, Syrian newspapers today quoted Vice-President Zuhair Masharqa as saying.

"Lebanon will remain a united Arab country and no force could undermine its unity. This matter is linked with the Arab national security and with Syrian national security," Masharqa told a rally in Damascus yesterday to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the October war against Israel.

"We could never accept the existence of any partition status in Lebanon," he was quoted as saying.

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INTERNATIONAL

Presley's daughter marries a musician

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 7. (Reuters) Lisa Marie Presley, who will inherit the multimillion-dollar fortune of her late father Elvis Presley, has married musician Danny Keough, a press spokesman said on Wednesday.

The wedding took place on Monday at the Church of Scientology, to which Presley belongs, in Los Angeles and the couple left for a honeymoon at an undisclosed location, spokesman Paul Bloch said.

Elvis Presley, who died in 1977, left an estate valued at \$31 million by the State of Tennessee where he lived. Financial advisers believe the fortune, which his 20-year-old daughter will receive in five years, could now be worth \$50 million.

Lisa Marie Presley's only child, has belonged to the Church of Scientology for 10 years and has been dating Keough, 23, for two years.

Her mother, Priscilla Presley, who attended the wedding with a few close friends of her daughter, was quoted by Bloch as saying: "I'm thrilled for Lisa Marie. Danny is a great guy and I couldn't be happier for the two of them."

It is the first marriage for both.

Troops fire tear gas to disperse students

63 hurt in Sri Lankan protests

COLOMBO, Oct. 7. (UPI) Police and troops in the southern town of Matara fired tear gas and launched baton-charges today to disperse thousands of student protesters, at least 63 of whom were injured, security sources said.

Seven people not involved in the protests were also hurt, the sources said.

Students staged two separate demonstrations in the town, 80 miles (130 km) southwest of Colombo, the first occurring outside the adjacent Rahula college for boys and the Sujatha college for girls.

The security sources said the protest was sparked by an assault on a student by police for refusing their orders to remove anti-government posters from a wall.

About 8,000 undergraduates of the two schools poured into the streets on hearing of the

assault and began shouting slogans condemning the police, the sources said.

Police and Army troops were deployed and stage a baton-charge after the crowd refused to disperse. The charge prompted a stampede by fleeing protesters, the sources said.

At least 63 people were injured, most of them in the stampede, the sources said. One female student was transferred to Colombo General Hospital in serious condition.

In the other protest, hundreds of undergraduates, including some 200 student Buddhist monks, rallied for a third day outside the Ruhuna University, calling for the resignation of President Junius Jayewardene for signing a July 1987 Indo-Sri Lankan accord aimed at ending the island's civil war.

The students hurled rocks at

passing vehicles and seven bus passengers were injured, the sources said. Police and troops dispersed the crowd with tear gas and baton-charges, they said.

Meanwhile, election department officials said a former Tamil rebel group that backs the Indo-Sri Lankan peace plan filed its nominations for northeastern province council polls in defiance of death threats by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) guerrilla organisation, which rejected the accord.

Protected
The officials said Indian troops and Sri Lankan police provided intense security for officials of the Eelam Peoples Revolutionary Liberation Organisation (EPRLF), which filed a total of 31 nominations with the government administrative offices in Batticaloa and Ampara.

Mourners pay final tribute to Strauss

MUNICH, Oct. 7. (Reuters) With pomp befitting a king, mourners pay final tribute today to Franz Josef Strauss, the charismatic right-wing Premier of Bavaria and a founding father of postwar West Germany.

President Richard von Weizsäcker and Chancellor Helmut Kohl, his coalition government for the first time free of Strauss's political grip, will give eulogies

during an elaborate memorial service (begins 1200 GMT) in Munich's Residenz, the former home of Bavarian monarchs.

The archbishop of Munich will lead a requiem mass in the cathedral. Strauss's body will then be driven through the streets of the city. He will be buried in private tomorrow in the village of Rott am Inn, next to his wife who died in a car crash in 1984.

Present at today's ceremonies will be South African President P.W. Botha, making a rare visit to Europe as a sign of respect for one of the few world leaders who gave unwavering support to the Pretoria government.

A police spokesman said 1,000 officers were being deployed, partly for fear of demonstrations against Botha.

England call off cricket tour of India

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political interference in the selection. On that occasion it was South Africa's refusal to accept coloured player Basil D'Oliveira which caused the cancellation.

Gooch led a rebel England cricket squad to South Africa in 1982 which broke the international isolation of the racially segregated republic. He also gave up a contract to play there again this year in order to captain England on the tour of India.

Seven other players — vice-captain John Emburey, Rob Bailey, Kim Barnett, Graham Dilley, Allan Lamb, Phil Newport and Tim Robinson — all appear on the United Nations blacklist for having played or coached in South Africa.

Worst riots hit Algiers

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Air Algiers, the state-run airline, cancelled all flights into and out of Algiers today. Hundreds of travellers were stranded at the city airport.

In Paris, exiled former Algerian President Ahmed Ben Bella in an interview with Le Figaro newspaper published today said "the Algerian people are hungry for grain, liberty and democracy."

Witnesses said troops shot at the rioters in several areas yesterday and fired tear gas grenades at them as thousands of youths, some with badguns, looted shops and set ablaze vehicles with foreign license plates.

Gunfire crackled across the capital in the protests against food shortages and price hikes in the socialist Arab nation.

Thursday evening authorities tried to clean up the city centre, towing away hundreds of automobiles that protesters had used to build barricades.

Discontent

The violence climaxed several weeks of protests over food shortages caused by the government's economic austerity programme, rocketing prices and the wretched, overcrowded housing situation in Algiers where families frequently live 10 or 15 to a room and basic sewage services are lacking.

Although there had been widespread discontent, the protesters do not appear to be organised, have made no specific demands and state-run labour unions have dissociated themselves from the riots.

Long lines of housewives and workers waiting for bread built up at bakeries and stores in the Casbah, the old city of Algiers, today, witnesses said. The disturbances prevented supplies of flour and other vital foodstuffs reaching Algiers from the provinces.

In London, the Foreign Office advised Britons yesterday to consider postponing travelling to Algeria because of civil disturbances there.

A spokesman said the 1,500 Britons already in Algeria seemed to be at little risk, provided they acted sensibly.

Ethnic unrest in Yugoslavia

Serbian province politburo resigns

BELGRADE, Oct. 7. (AP) The worst ethnic and economic unrest in three months has forced the mass resignation of top communist leaders in a Serbian province, boosting Serbia's drive for tighter control of its two provinces.

Forty-one people, including 14 policemen, were injured last night when 30,000 people outside the Communist Party headquarters in Novi Sad, capital of Vojvodina province, surged toward riot police guarding the building, hurling stones and breaking windows.

State-run media said two policemen were seriously hurt and six people were hospitalised. Four people were reported arrested.

The 15 members of the Communist Party's Politburo in Vojvodina province stepped down after tens of thousands of angry, flag-waving protesters virtually laid siege to party headquarters for 30 hours.

Protest
The mass protests began in response to the provincial party leadership's decision to discipline two of its members for supporting Serbian Communist Party leader Slobodan Milosevic, the official news agency Tanjug said.

The resignations in Vojvodina were seen as a major victory for Milosevic, who has led the Serbian drive for more control over Vojvodina and a second province, ethnically troubled Kosovo.

Communist Party leaderships in both provinces had resisted the Serbian drive for more control, and the Kosovo leadership is

now expected to come under pressure to step down.

Faced with the mounting unrest, national Communist Party chief Stipe Suvor said on Tuesday there would be sweeping changes in the ruling national politburo and policy-setting central committee at or before a central committee meeting scheduled for Oct. 17.

Milosevic rejected a call from a former Defence Minister yesterday for unspecified "emergency measures" to quell street protests. His political opponents suspect he is using the almost daily mass rallies to gain more national power for himself and Serbia, the largest of the country's six republics.

Tens of thousands of Serbs have rallied almost daily for three months in support of Milosevic's effort to assert more authority in the provinces.

Strife

Most of the demonstrations have been directed at ethnic strife in Kosovo, where Serbs, a largely Christian minority, claim harassment by ethnic Albanians, who make up 90 per cent of Kosovo's 2 million people and are predominantly Muslim. The southern province borders on Albania.

Many Serbs see Milosevic as political heir to the late President Tito, who died in 1980 and left the nation with a complex system of annual rotation in the occupants of top political offices. This has prevented any one republic from gaining dominance, but has not provided the strong leadership needed to deal effectively with ethnic and economic problems.

Dead Indonesian Sultan witnesses weddings

JOGYAKARTA, Indonesia, Oct. 7. (Reuters) The body of Indonesia's last official royal ruler, Sultan Hamengkubuwono IX, was brought back to this ancient city of kings today and presided over four weddings from an open coffin.

The Sultan, a former Vice-President and a revered figure in Indonesia, died of a heart attack in Washington earlier this week.

He will be buried tomorrow in a sacred mausoleum where Javanese kings have been entombed for centuries.

His body today was the sombre witness to the weddings of four of his sons.

It is Javanese custom to hold weddings at a funeral if one of the parents dies during the engagement period, palace officials said.

Hundreds of thousands of mourners lined the road from the airport to the royal palace.

A huge golden umbrella

shaded the coffin from the searing tropical sun as it was taken into the walled palace.

Bare-shouldered women in tightly-wrapped sarongs carried trays of smouldering herbs to the casket along red carpets strewn with strongly-scented flowers.

Among the mourners were the surviving three of the Sultan's five wives and many of his children.

The Sultan did not name a successor. Whoever is chosen as the new sultan will not have anywhere near the political weight of Hamengkubuwono, who ruled with unchecked power as governor of Yogyakarta, the ancient capital of Javanese kings.

The ninth Sultan of Yogyakarta, Hamengkubuwono was descended from a line of kings who had ruled for centuries.

He played a key role in Indonesia's independence war against the Dutch from 1945 to 1949 and later held senior cabinet posts.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mass meetings

MOSCOW, Oct. 7. (Reuters) The newly-legalised flags of once-independent Latvia and Lithuania flew over mass meetings in their capitals today in a display of the resurgent national feeling sweeping the Soviet Baltic states.

The official Soviet news agency Tass said more than 100,000 people turned out for a rally in the Latvian capital, Riga, organised by a new radical mass movement, the Latvian Popular Front, ahead of its founding congress this weekend.

Nine detained

LUSAKA, Oct. 7. (Reuters) Six Zambian military officers and three civilians have been detained for questioning about alleged subversive activities, the authorities announced today.

State television broadcast a statement by the Secretary of State for Defence and Security, Alex Shapi, who said the nine were helping police with their enquiries.

AIDS test

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 7. (AP) Health authorities in Amsterdam are planning to introduce voluntary AIDS tests for all of the capital's pregnant women, a spokesman for the programme said today.

Base talks

ATHENS, Oct. 7. (Reuters) The United States and Greece ended their latest talks on American military bases here today, with the installations still under threat of closure in 1990.

Explosion

DURBAN, Oct. 7. (Reuters) An explosion tore through a suburban shopping centre in the South African coastal city of Durban today, wrecking a book store but causing no serious injuries, police said.

4 shot dead

ANKARA, Oct. 7. (Reuters) Four leftist prisoners who escaped from a high-security Turkish jail two weeks ago were killed in a gun battle with police near Istanbul, the semi-official Anatolian news agency reported today.

Peace plan

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 7. (Reuters) Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar said today he was opposed to reopening negotiations on any part of a peace plan for Western Sahara accepted in principle on Aug 30 by Morocco and the Polisario Front.

Nuclear test

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 7. (Reuters) China, one of the world's five military nuclear powers, carried out a nuclear test last week at its Lop No. underground site in northwestern China, Swedish military scientists said today.

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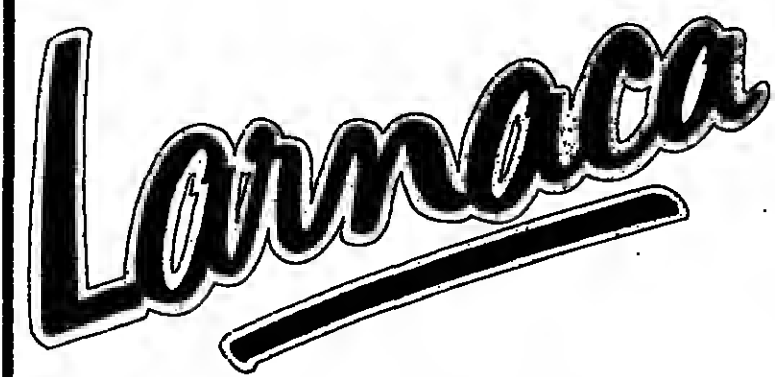
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Sino-Soviet summit planned next year

MOSCOW, Oct. 7. (AP): President Mikhail Gorbachev will meet with Chinese leaders early next year, and also plans to visit North Korea in keeping with his new job as Soviet head of state, a Kremlin diplomat said.

Igor Rogachev, a Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister in charge of contacts with the Chinese, was asked at a news conference yesterday whether a Soviet-Chinese summit would follow a meeting later this year between the two countries' foreign ministers.

He was also asked whether the summit would occur in the first half of next year, as news reports from Shanghai have indicated. "My sense is that one might be in a position to suggest that both would be the case," Rogachev replied.

Relations have been strained between the two communist giants since the 1960s, and the last Chinese summit was held in 1959 between Nikita Khrushchev and Mao Tse-Tung.

Gorbachev has made several overtures to China to remove obstacles to improving relations. He has ordered a pullout of Soviet troops from Afghanistan, reduced Soviet troops on the border with China, and agreed in August to the first direct talks

with the Chinese about the Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea.

Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen met with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze in New York last month, and Qian is to travel to Moscow later this year. No date has been set. Rogachev said the Kampuchea conflict, in which the Soviet Union supports Vietnam's occupation, will be high in the agenda for the Moscow talks.

Venue

Rogachev, who represented the Kremlin in the talks with the Chinese on Kampuchea, did not say whether Gorbachev would travel to Beijing or whether Chinese leaders would come to Moscow.

Gorbachev renewed the idea of summit with China in a speech to the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk on Sept. 16.

Rogachev told reporters on Thursday the Kremlin hopes relations with the Chinese can be based on "friendship and good-neighbourliness."

Gorbachev will be going to North Korea in the place of Andrei Gromyko, Soviet news reports said on Sept. 26 that Gromyko would visit North Korea as the Soviet President in the first 10 days of October.

Seoul police teargas anti-Chun protesters

SEOUL, Oct. 7. (Reuters): More than 3,000 South Korean student radicals demanding the arrest of former President Chun Doo-hwan fought pitched street battles with riot police today in the biggest anti-government protest for months.

The violent protest marked a clear end to the relative calm on the country's usually volatile campuses during the Seoul Olympic Games, which ended last Sunday.

Repression

Witnesses at Seoul National University in the south of the capital said police, after coming under a hail of petrol bombs, fired repeated volleys of tear gas to drive the students back through the campus gates.

Earlier leaders from all the capital's militant student unions warned the government that if Chun and his wife were not arrested

by Nov 3 they would send thousands of students to seize and "execute" them.

In a statement issued after a campus meeting, the radical leaders said Chun, then the country's military strongman, must bear prime responsibility for the Army's repression of a 1980 popular uprising in which at least 200 died.

On Thursday, a 23-strong student commando burst into the office of one of Chun's closest associates, former Defence Minister Chong Ho-Yong, to dramatise calls for the punishment of those responsible for the Kwangju bloodshed. Police stormed the building and arrested them.

In Kwangju itself, about 300 students at Chonnam University battled police today, also demanding Chun's arrest. Aonhap news agency said 12 policemen were hurt by petrol bombs.



The most important Chilean opposition leaders, Ricardo Lagos (left) and Patricio Aylwin, celebrate after the government of President Augusto Pinochet acknowledged the triumph of the 'No' vote in the plebiscite. (Reuters wirephoto)

PLO urged to delay political initiative

CAIRO, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Egypt has urged Palestinian leaders to delay deciding their next political moves until after next month's Israeli and US elections, a government minister was quoted as saying today.

The aim was "to avoid giving either candidate for the US presidency the chance to bid for Jewish votes by making pledges it would be hard for the new administration to ignore," Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali said.

"A premature Palestinian decision on the next steps could also reinforce the Israeli extremist wing," he added.

President Hosni Mubarak told Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chief Yasser Arafat last month to refrain from political initiatives until after the Israeli poll.

Boutros Ghali, in an interview published by the French-language newspaper Le Journal D'Egypte, said Mubarak had briefed British, French and West

German leaders on his views, including the need for the Palestinians to reach a united position.

PLO leaders are due soon to set a date for the Palestine National Council (PNC), a parliament-in-exile, to decide how to take responsibility for Palestinians in the Israeli-held West Bank following Jordan's severance of most official links with the territory.

Options being considered include declaration of an independent state in the West Bank and forming a provisional government.

Meanwhile, a Gulf newspaper said the Soviet Union has proposed a plan for a Palestinian settlement and has told the PLO not to hesitate too long over a solution.

Al Bayan said in a report from Tunis, headquarters of the PLO, that Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze put forward the plan during a meeting with US Secretary of State George Shultz.

Mubarak praises Sadat as warrior and peacemaker

CAIRO, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak paid tribute to his predecessor Anwar Sadat as both warrior and peacemaker on the seventh anniversary of Sadat's assassination by militants.

The government quietly mourned Sadat while celebrating the 15th anniversary of Egypt's most successful military venture against Israel — storming across the Suez Canal into occupied Sinai.

Mubarak, in a statement on Thursday, praised Sadat, who signed a peace pact with Israel in 1979, as "a fierce fighter in war and a tenacious negotiator in peace."

The dual anniversary was marked more by official celebration of Egypt's early victories in the 1973 October war than by mourning over Sadat's murder. He was killed during a military march-past.

Friends and well-wishers visited his widow Jihan, who divides her time between Cairo and the United States, and laid wreaths at his mausoleum.

The government staged the main celebrations on Wednesday, a day early, and Mubarak attended the first military parade

on this anniversary since 1981. Mubarak's statement said Sadat would go down in history as "the decision-maker in launching war and making peace until he fell in honour."

Apart from leading Egypt into war only six years after the Arabs' 1967 defeat, Sadat is remembered mainly as a man who did the unthinkable for most Arabs — going to Israel and negotiating peace.

He signed the US-brokered Camp David accords with then Prime Minister Menachem Begin in 1978 and a peace treaty the next year, prompting Egypt's rejection by other Arab states.

Sadat was killed by soldiers who belonged to a clandestine Muslim fundamentalist group called Jihad, which objected to peace with Israel.

His killers were executed and their associates jailed. But the fundamentalist movement remains a powerful social force.

Mubarak has curbed what some economists saw as capitalist excesses under Sadat but maintains a mixed economy, encouraging private industry and seeking to revive the state sector.

"If you did not seize the opportunity and make money during Sadat's rule, you will never be able to do so under Mubarak," is a popular Cairo saying.

Top UN award for a Pakistani

GENEVA, Oct. 7. (Reuters): A Pakistani government official who supervised assistance to more than three million homeless Afghans has been awarded the highest United Nations distinction for aid to refugees, the UN said today.

Syed Munir Husain, Secretary of Pakistan's States and Frontier Ministry from 1982 to 1987, will receive the Nansen Medal from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Jean-Pierre Hocke, in Geneva on Nov. 3.

The announcement said Husain for five years headed the world's largest refugee assistance operation. He helped Afghans who had fled fighting in their homeland between rebel guerrillas and Afghan and Soviet troops.

Demand for resignation rejected

Pinochet defeated

SANTIAGO, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Chile's military ruler Augusto Pinochet has accepted defeat in a presidential plebiscite but has ruled out any negotiations with opponents on reducing the time he can remain in office.

"I accept and respect the verdict of the majority, expressed yesterday by the people," a stern-looking Pinochet, dressed in his uniform as commander-in-chief of the Army, said.

But the 72-year-old general, who was making his first statement Thursday on the yes-or-no ballot on extending his rule for eight more years, said: "Today ... I renew my commitment to fulfil (my) mandate."

Later, a spokesman for the military government said Pinochet had turned down offers of resignation by his 17-man cabinet. "The President decided to reject all the resignations," the spokesman said.

Demonstration

Just before the general went on television, truncheon-swinging riot police used force to break up a demonstration by thousands of young anti-Pinochet protesters trying to march on the Moedeo presidential palace.

"We want the Moneda, we

want the Moneda," the crowd of mainly young leftists chanted before being dispersed by a cloud of tear gas.

Several foreign journalists were among people beaten by police truncheons, local radio said.

Attack

Around the same time, Santiago and other cities were blacked out by a power failure, although the electricity was quickly restored in some areas.

Police sources said the blackouts were caused by explosions which brought down transmission lines outside the capital.

Witnesses said police attacked after demonstrators ignored pleas to disperse and tried to climb aboard water cannon trucks in order to seize police loudspeakers.

"We have been waiting for this for 15 years and we are going to stay in the streets," one young demonstrator said.

The incidents were the most violent in a day in which thousands of Chileans took to the streets to celebrate the defeat of the military President who has ruled with an iron fist since taking power in a bloody coup in 1973.

Final results released by the

government showed 43 per cent of Chile's seven million electorate voted in favour of extending Pinochet's rule, while 55 per cent voted against.

In his address, Pinochet said the only thing at stake in the plebiscite was the name of the country's next President and not the military constitution, approved in a controversial plebiscite in 1980.

The constitution says Pinochet remains as President until March 1990 and can continue as Army commander for at least four more years.

Vote

In December 1989 he must call a free, competitive presidential vote along with elections for congress, closed following the coup.

A centre-left coalition of 16 political parties, grouped in the command for the no, has called for negotiations with the armed forces on speeding up the handover of power as well as performing the constitution to make it conform to a Western-style democracy.

Pinochet was emphatic in ruling out any changes to the timetable. "Let nobody fool themselves about what the plebiscite was about ... the constitution was not in play," he said.

Kabul leaders to meet for revising peace proposals

KABUL, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Afghanistan's Moscow-backed leadership will meet on Monday, apparently to discuss — and perhaps revise — peace proposals it made to mujahedeen rebels, so far with no success.

Afghan officials on Thursday would give no details of what will be discussed at the meeting of central committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA).

But they said it would involve important aspects of "unity and national reconciliation," Kabul's phrase for peace moves.

Western diplomats said it was unlikely the PDPA would meet unless some new peace offer were under consideration.

With the annual session of the

UN General Assembly just under way and due to debate Afghanistan next month, it would be a good moment to present a new offer, they said.

The mujahedeen, whose party leaders are based in Pakistan, have rejected all Kabul's peace offers so far.

Rockets

The diplomats said Afghan Prime Minister Mohammad Hassan Sharif in talks in Moscow last month discussed the position of President Najibullah, head of the PDPA.

But they said there was no immediate evidence Najibullah would step down as demanded by the mujahedeen.

Kabul authorities said on Thursday that rebel rocket

attacks on two towns and a landmine attack on a bus killed 32 people, as both sides claimed battle victories.

A rocket barrage killed five people in the Parwan province, capital of Charikar on Thursday and three patients and a nurse at a hospital in the southern town of Kandahar died in another attack on Wednesday night, the official Kabul Radio said.

In Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass said 23 people were killed and 13 seriously wounded when their bus hit a rebel mine in the eastern province of Nangarhar on Wednesday.

On Wednesday, the radio, monitored in Islamabad, said rebel rockets killed 13 people and wounded 34 in the capital Kabul.

Fortune tellers see end of Hirohito era

TOKYO, Oct. 7. (Reuters): The restraint and modesty which have marked the media coverage of Emperor Hirohito's illness have not been matched by another group of Japanese commentators — the nation's ubiquitous fortune tellers.

"We have known for several years that this month of this year would mark the end to his majesty's life," said Toshiyuki Kokucho, chairman of the Kigaku (study of the spirit) Club.

"It is just amazing that he has held out this long," said Shiko Nakano, who tells fortunes mainly by reading palms in a small booth in the streets of Shinjuku, one of Tokyo's busiest entertainment areas.

"Many people say that he was kept alive just for the Olympics."

Fortune tellers say they can offer few real insights because so little knowledge of the Emperor as a person is allowed to pass through the veil of bureaucratic and imperial reserve which surrounds him.

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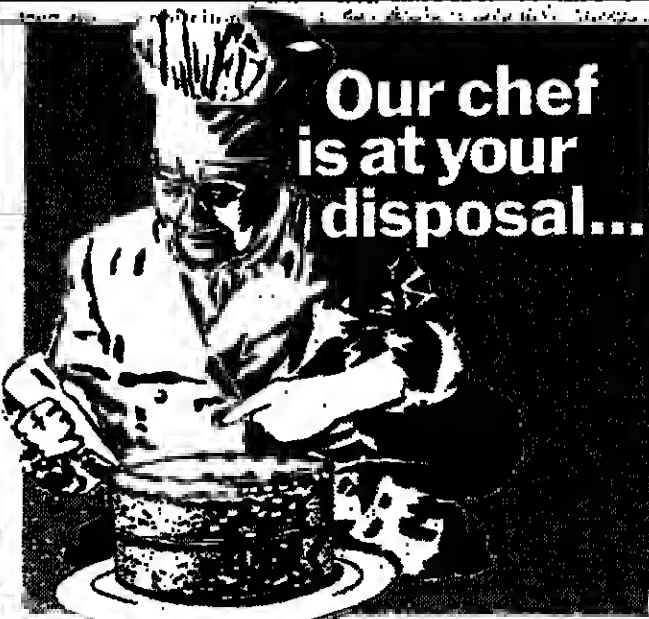
Most clients of the dozens of fortune tellers whose stalls dot the main streets of shopping and entertainment districts at night are young women with problems about love or tired businessmen with a variety of queries.

The 87-year-old Emperor, the world's longest-reigning monarch, has been gravely ill since he collapsed on Sept. 19. He was given another blood transfusion on Thursday because of steady intercol bleeding and was in critical but stable condition.

Kokucho said the Emperor made some very unlucky moves in the past that may have determined his fate.

"Kigaku derives from Chinese divination techniques including the study of directions. In 1975, the Emperor and Empress visited the United States, travelling East, which was very bad in that it planted the seed of his illness."

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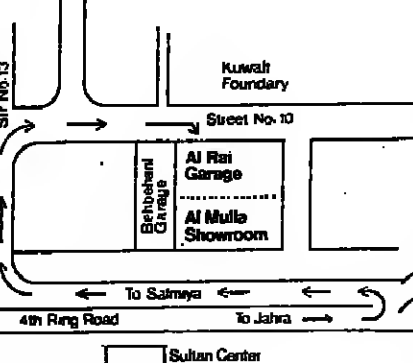
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Kuwait urged to preserve its heritage

By Jadranka Porter

US experts on historic preservation recently urged Kuwait to design detailed programmes to educate the public as well as private property owners before their national heritage is obliterated.

Russell Keune and Anthony Crosby spoke on Wednesday to Kuwait's experts and journalists via Worldnet, the US government TV network which provided a satellite link between Kuwait and Washington.

Keune drew a parallel between Kuwait and some American cities where modern development threatened their cultural heritage.

In the US private groups and organisations spread informa-

tion on the benefits of historical preservation through newsletters, tours of successfully preserved sites, seminars, TV programmes and school curriculums, Keune said.

Encourage

But he stressed that in the case of private owners of historically valuable properties, education campaigns have to be supported by attractive financial packages to encourage owners to preserve, restore and adapt historical buildings.

He was answering a question by Kuwait's expert Farid Abdul who said Kuwait's government is involved in protracted negotiations with private owners who are reluctant to turn their properties over to the government for preservation.

Kuwait has no specific legislation allowing the government to acquire private properties of historical interest.

Keune said that the US solved this problem by offering cash grants and tax incentives to private owners.

"The result is that we now don't have enough buildings left for people who would like to take the advantage of these tax incentives," said Keune.

Inventory

Dr Wadad Alsuwayeh indicated that a major force behind preservation movement in Kuwait is the government rather than the public. He also pointed out that there are very few buildings left in Kuwait to preserve, a consequence of the country's desire in the 1950s and 1960s for

rapid development and modernisation.

The American experts urged Kuwait to form a national inventory of heritage resources similar to American National Register of Historic Places. Crosby suggested that Kuwait identify what is of historical value before it establishes a preservation concept.

Both stressed the importance of public initiative, saying that the citizens should express concern about their historic heritage. This would hopefully provoke a government response and the introduction of legislation to help the process of preservation. The preservation movement would also require technical experts to accomplish its objectives, said Keune.

Emergency Arab League meeting planned

ABU DHABI, Oct 7. (KUNA): Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa said today that Arab League ministers had agreed to hold an emergency Arab League session to discuss the critical Lebanese problem.

In an interview with the Abu Dhabi-based "Al Ittihad" Sheikh Mohammed said that the meeting will take place in few days.

"We have discussed the Lebanese issue during our meeting in New York through the Ministerial Council and found it best to convene an Arab League meeting to tackle this persistent matter and to propose ideas to help Lebanon end its crisis through the Arab house," he said.

Discussing the stumbling blocks before the Iraq-Iran peace talks, the Bahraini ranking diplomat indicated that the negotiations are passing through "a delicate stage that requires the maximum amount of wisdom."

He said that the negotiations have yet to achieve any progress, and said he hopes that the two parties will implement UN Resolution 598.

Discussing his country's position toward regional security in the Gulf and the need for international naval presence in the area, Sheikh Mohammed affirmed that ending the war is the aim of all Gulf states.

He said it is premature to talk about the presence of the foreign fleets in the region.

Governor thanks goalkeeper

KUWAIT, Oct 7. (KUNA): The capital's Governor Sheikh Jaber Al Abdullah Al Jaber yesterday sent a letter of thanks and gift to the former goalkeeper of the Kuwaiti national soccer team and of Al Qadisiya Club, Jassem Bahman, in appreciation of his contributions to sports.

Bahman, who is due to retire soon, is the coach of goalkeepers at Al Qadisiya Club.

GCC official visiting Muscat

ABU DHABI, Oct 7. (KUNA): Gulf Co-operation Council Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs Dr Abdullah Al Gouazi is visiting Muscat on the first leg of a tour that will include Kuwait.

Gouazi will hold talks with senior Omani officials and the board of directors of the Omani Chamber of Commerce and Industry concerning commissioning trading for GCC nationals and rules governing such trade activity.

Gouazi is scheduled to hold similar talks to Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates next week.

The top GCC official will submit a report on commissioning trading to next GCC trade ministers meeting in November.

Kuwait keeping up with latest advances, KISR official says

NEW DELHI, Oct 7. (KUNA): Kuwait, through the effective and balanced political system, has taken a number of measures to use developed technological know-how and scientific advances to realise socio-economic development plans, according to Dr Yousuf Al Sultan, assistant director-general of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR).

Dr Yousuf presented a paper on the subject at the two-day First Inter-Governmental Consultative Conference on new and high technologies of non-aligned and developing countries, which began here on Wednesday night.

A four-member Kuwaiti delegation participated in the conference, inaugurated by Indian Minister of Science and Technology K.R. Narayanan.

Dr Yousuf said the lack of qualified scientific and technical manpower has hindered technological self-reliance to some extent. This is reflected by a limited industrial base capable of producing new and high technologies.

However, long-term planning as perceived by decision-makers has helped to gear up research and development activities.

The Kuwaiti representative said progress in science and scientific research is used as a tool to achieve socio-economic and political objectives. The development of technology is used as a tool to impose economic and political dominance of the owners of technical know-how, he said.

Developing countries should benefit from scientific progress in the industrialized world, he said.

Dr Yousuf said that developing countries should work together to acquire technology from the North on equitable terms.

However, he added that North-South technology transfer may not occur if the receiver country imposes restrictions. The user countries of the modern technology will be able to establish a solid socio-economic base and physical infrastructure. They could also consolidate human resources and build sound technologies and research and development institutions, he said.

Dr Yousuf told KUNA that the developing countries should also pool their resources through joint research activities.

He also said there is a need for exchange of information among the developing nations in science and technology. This would help to make "us less dependent on industrially advanced nations," he said.

Dr Yousuf said the policymakers of these nations should formulate necessary and appropriate science policies to help them keep pace with technological know-how.

Dr Saleh Abdul Rahman Al Athel, president of the King Abdul Aziz City for Science and

Technology, said the developing nations should increase their capability to absorb the transferred technologies.

He also said the Northern nations should give adequate attention to development of human resources. Barring India and few other developing countries, most of the countries lack skilled and technical manpower, he noted.

Dr Saleh said technologies in most of the areas are largely controlled by advanced nations and "our aid must be through co-operative endeavours to improve access to such technologies," he concluded.

Discussing steps taken by Kuwait to keep pace with international technological and scientific advances, Dr Yousuf said the Gulf country developed research and development activities. KISR proposes new projects aimed at introducing new technology.

Some of these efforts have accelerated socio-economic plans, he said.

KISR has already started several research programmes in the industrial sector and on preserving natural resources and the environment, the official indicated.

The institute received independent public institute status through an Amiri decree in 1981.

Because of the importance of the manpower development and its effective role in the social development, the Kuwait government has offered many incentives to Kuwaiti citizens encouraging them to engage in scientific research.

The government organised seven research programmes through KISR. Most of the work

will be inter-disciplinary and involve a large number of the institute's departments and divisions.

The research programmes include development of food resources, water resources, the petroleum and petrochemical sector, the environment, industrial production, monitoring, assessment and development of technological advances and economic programmes, Dr Yousuf said.

Co-operation

The conference identified five areas for co-operation among the developing nations. The areas are biotechnology, microelectronic and computer software, telecommunication and informatics, renewable sources of energy and new energy technologies and advanced materials.

The task force created by the conference recommended setting up a centre for science and technology in the Indian capital, which should serve as the focal point for the follow-up of activities and recommendations of the conference.

The task force urged the Indian government to expedite the activities related to the establishment of the centre. It suggested preparing a detailed programme of work for the centre. This should address short and long term plans, financing schemes as well as other organisational issues.

A directory of institutions in various countries could be prepared by the centre for the developing countries.

The two-day conference was attended by delegates from more than 30 nations, including Saudi Arabia, Tanzania, Egypt and Kuwait.

Irishmen go on trial in kidnap case Oct 31

DUBAI, Oct 7. (Reuters): A criminal court has set Oct 31 for the trial of two Irishmen charged with kidnapping a young girl in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the public prosecutors office said yesterday.

Dennis Dunhill and Gerard Flynn will also be tried at Khor Fakkan in the UAE on charges of assaulting Sameer Jamil Nasser, the father of five-year-old Nadine, and his wife on Sept 2, a court official said.

A spokesman at the Irish Foreign Office in Dublin said the normal legal process is being observed.

"Our concern is that the two Irish citizens there have proper legal representation, and that is the case," he said by telephone. Ireland has no embassy in the UAE and its mission in Saudi Arabia has been dealing with the case.

The Khor Fakkan court will also press charges against Sameer's former wife, Anne McManus, a nurse in Dublin, for

planning the attempt to get her daughter back from her Jordanian husband and take her to Ireland.

Earlier this week, an official police journal alleged that the two men had confessed to receiving about \$3,300 from McManus's boyfriend at Heathrow Airport and forcibly taking Nadine from her father's home to Khor Fakkan.

Six sentenced to jail terms for adultery

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced a mechanic and a maid to six months rigorous imprisonment each for committing adultery.

The court was told that the maid was having an affair with the mechanic although she was married and her husband was in Sri Lanka.

The two defendants were discovered by a neighbour of the maid's employer. The neighbour informed the employer who called in the police.

The neighbour said that he saw the pair committing adultery, although the accused denied the charge. The court ordered the two defendants to be deported on completion of their jail terms.

In a similar incident, four defendants were each sentenced to three years in jail to be followed by deportation.

Kuwait's Criminal Court who issued the sentence was told that two Sri Lankan maids had committed adultery with two men at the home of their employers.

Customs department will add police dogs

KUWAIT'S Customs Department will add police dogs to its services from the beginning of next year, according to Abdulrahman Al Fares, director of Control and Inspection.

Speaking to Al Seyassah, Al Fares said that the proposal was recently endorsed by the cabinet.

He added that the department set up a comprehensive plan aimed at detecting smugglers at all border centres and the addition of specially trained dogs is meant to enhance detection.

Publi-Graphics and Lipton staffs attend seminar



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Assad. "A relationship that has given PG an in-depth understanding and insight into the clients needs and working structure."

Assad concluded that the purpose of the seminar was to review present activities and to consolidate future plans.

Anil Mehra, general manager of Lipton Dubai, welcomed the opportunity for all staff to be able to exchange views in order to achieve an effective communication strategy.

Sri Lanka extends benefits to citizens working abroad

By Jadranka Porter

THE Sri Lankan Cabinet recently approved measures extending benefits now available to the workers in the country to the island's citizens working abroad, according to Sri Lankan Minister of Labour Joseph Michael Perera.

The measures will give Sri Lankan workers abroad access to the country's Employees' Trust Fund (ETF), said Perera who is currently visiting Kuwait to inform the Sri Lankan community of the measures.

In addition to financial benefits the contributors to the ETF will be entitled to life insurance and medical treatment for serious illness.

Perera said the new measures were introduced because there are some doubts about whether Sri Lankan workers abroad are covered by local laws and whether they are in a position to assert their rights.

Only workers who are registered with the Sri Lankan Bureau of Foreign Employment can take the advantage of the new measures. Few of the 70,000-strong Sri Lankan labour force in Kuwait are registered with the bureau, but they will be able to register shortly.

According to the new measures, the migrant workers who leave for employment abroad after registering with the bureau will receive cash assistance to meet recruitment expenses and Rs 20,000 (\$666) on their return to Sri Lanka. The bureau was also instructed to assist returning workers who opt for self-employment.

Those who choose to join the ETF are required to make a minimum monthly contribution amounting to 3 per cent of their income.

The fund will invest the workers' contributions on their behalf. The interest and dividend

to members over the last six years averaged 11.75 per cent per year. In Sri Lanka, the employer is required to make the contribution on the worker's behalf.

The fund will also provide life insurance. Sri Lankan citizens are entitled to free medical treatment but ETF members will be entitled to treatment abroad in cases when the required treatment is not available in Sri Lanka.

ETF members will be entitled to a lump sum payment amounting to two years' salary not exceeding Rs 100,000 in the event of permanent disability through an accident.

Minesweeping force begins last operation

THE HAGUE, Oct 7. (Reuters): A joint British, Dutch and Belgian minesweeping force has begun its final operation in the Gulf and will return home in January, a Dutch Defence Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said the force, which has been in the Gulf for the past year to ensure safe shipping, launched "operation cleansweep" on the south Gulf ship-

ping route this week in a last effort to find mines laid during the Iran-Iraq war.

"We will be travelling the south route one more time to cleansweep it," the spokesman said. "The operation began a few days ago."

He said the force will co-ordinate with France and Italy, which also has ships in the area.

Earlier this week, the Dutch Defence Ministry told Parliament that it planned to recall the Dutch minehunter Urk when the operation ended in January because the Gulf war ceasefire had rendered the force unnecessary.

It said Belgian and British vessels would also be withdrawn.

The force — two Dutch minehunters, two Belgian minehunters and a supply ship sailing under the protection of a British frigate — moved into the Gulf a year ago as part of European efforts to support US calls for safe shipping in the area.

The Netherlands pulled out one minehunter and the Belgians two vessels about six months ago, when mining operations in the area appeared on the wane.



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6.10 Thundercats: cartoons
6.30 Fast Forward: a look at the uses of laser beams...
7.00 Steel Riders: Sandra, Mike and their father are involved in the theft of the Stones of Blood.
7.30 Challenge: "The Tana River". Exploring the Tana River in Kenya and a look at wildlife on the river bank.
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Flying Doctors: "Horses for Courses". People prepare for the rodeo contest... and the most unlikely competitor emerges the winner.
9.30 Hooperman: Harry Hooperman, a San Francisco policeman, is as much dangerous at home as he is on the job, particularly after the killing of his landlady, Estelle.
10.00 She is the Sheriff: "Unsafe At Any Speed". The female sheriff of a town faces a challenging job.
10.30 Best-Seller: "Queenie". Part 2. Based on a book by Michael Korda, it tells of an Anglo-Indian girl who overcomes prejudice to become a well-known actress in the West. Starring Kurt Douglas and Sarah Miles.
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

MONDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Six: cartoons
6.30 The Friends of My Friends: "Children of the Street". A look at life in Venezuela — through the experiences of Alberto and Omar, two newspaper boys.
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news.
7.30 Out of This World: "Pen Pals". Donna and Evie play cupid to help Uncle Beano find the right woman.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Miami Vice: "Everybody on Show". Two actors help police find evidence to convict gangsters. Starring: Don Johnson.
9.30 In Search of Firewalkers: "Air Disaster Prediction". Can you foretell a disaster? Some believe the powers of the mind are immense and this is possible — a report.
10.00 You Can't Take It With You: "Babysitter Boom". Baby-sitting causes some trouble for this American family.
10.30 Jake and the Fatman: a gangster kills Mr Warfield. Investigations tell another story. Starring: William Conrad, Joe E. Penny.

TV CORNER

This week on KTV 2

TUESDAY
6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Dinosaurs: cartoon serial
6.30 Professor Poosangle: children's serial
7.00 Discoveries Underwater: "A New World". A look at oil exploration in the North Sea; diving in a Scottish lake; a look at diving gear.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Five Mile Creek: "Making Tracks". The woman gets a loan to set up her company but has to get police help to protect her from highway robbers.
9.30 Easy Street: the pretty girl inherits a fortune. Starring: Loni Anderson.
10.00 Secrets and Mysteries: tonight's episode examines the legend of the Snowman, nicknamed Big Foot, because of the imprints left on the snow.
10.30 Edge of Darkness: police thriller. Detective Brian is not too happy to learn about his daughter's links with an underground anti-nuclear group.
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

WEDNESDAY
6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 My Pet Monster: cartoon serial
6.30 Wonderstruck: a look at Egyptian mummies and elephants.
7.00 Pals: "Lost". Sammy, who lives with his grandparents, leaves home to join his father.
7.30 Growing Pains: "This is Life". Ben is asked to behave like a "true seaver" and go ahead with surgery.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Probe: detective series with Mickey and Austin, who agree to apply new gimmicks to play an old trade.
9.30 The Secret World: "Killers of the Night". Documentary. Superstitions — old and new — form the theme of tonight's episode; also a look at witchcraft and evil spirits.
10.00 What's Happening Now: "A Horse is Not a House". A misprint in the newspaper leads to an embarrassing situation.

THURSDAY
6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Mask: cartoons serial
6.30 Sesame Street: educational show for young viewers
7.30 Mac and Muley: present mini-horses; search for lost dogs.
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Highwayman: all roads lead to the highwayman when it comes to saving the innocent; this week, a young girl kidnapped by cunning gangsters.
9.30 The Cosby Show: Theo is put on trial after returning home late one night. Starring: Bill Cosby.
10.00 Spectacular Sports, Bloopers and Fabulous Fools: a 30-minute show about the mishaps and misadventures of sportsmen and sportswomen.
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Starlight One". Starring: Lee Majors, Lauren Hutton. They planned to fly to Australia — outspace was not on their schedule of a commercial flight.
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY
4.00 Holy Quran
4.10 Silver Hawk: cartoon serial
4.30 Italian Football Hour: "You Ruined My Life". Walt Disney's family drama about a spoiled girl learning to behave herself in public under the tutelage of a professor.
7.00 Star Trek: "The New Generation". The next generation of spacemen play Romulan war games in outer space. Keo accuses Capt. Picard of being unjustified but Troy intervenes to set the record straight.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Breaking Away
8.40 Big League Soccer: highlights of English league football matches
9.50 Jack Thompson: Down Under: searching for gold in Australian waters; fishing tuna and studying wildlife.
10.30 Diamonds: late night series
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown



● Thursday night's musical East Meets West, presented by the IAC, was a roaring success despite a few mishaps. More than a thousand people attended the debut concert of the newly formed group, The Fams. Above: chief guest Indian Charge d'Affaires Atish Sinha flanked by IAC President M. Mathews and P.K. Mankad. Below: Star performer Susan Rego (centre) and Rajshakhar singing a duet to add that 'eastern touch'. (Full report in tomorrow's issue)



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CINEMA TODAY

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Equaliser 2000
Starring: Correo Wahl, Richard Narconi

Al Salmiya
Closed
Al Hamra
Surikat Nadam (Arabic)
Starring: Ezzat Alaili, Hussein Al Sharbini

Drive-In
Ighiyal Madrasah (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Obaid, Sahira hisham Salim, Salah Qabil

Al Firdous
Anjuman (Hindi)
Starring: Shahana Azmi, Faroukh Shaikh

Al Jleeb
Oru Maymasappulari (Malayalam)

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Good Morning
9.20 Dabdooh Al Musiqar: cartoon serial
9.45 News Summary
10.00 Darb Al Zalaq: local serial, starring Khalid Al Nafisi, Abdul Hussain Abdul Rida, Saad Al Faraj, Ali Mufedi
10.45 News Summary
11.00 Al Zankalooni: Arabic serial, featuring Mohammad Rida, Athar Al Hakim, Laila Taher, Ahmad Abdul Waris
12.00 News Summary
12.15 Gulf Cuisine: weekly show on how to cook Arab Food
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoon serial
5.15 Al Fanan Sagheer: prepared and presented by Mohammad Sheikh
5.45 Nazrat Alal Alam: talk show

6.00 La Ilaha Illallah: historical serial. Starring: Laila Fawzi, Tayseer Fahmi, Rushwan Taufiq, Huda Sultan
7.00 News Summary
7.20 Noor Al Islam: religious programme
7.55 Security and Citizens: local programme
8.30 Good Evening: daily roundup of local events
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Al Rayah Al Baidah: Arabic serial, starring Sana Jamil, Jamil Ratch, Samiya Al Alfi, Sayyed Zayan
10.45 Circle of Events: "About Electricity". Local talk show.
11.35 News Summary
11.40 World News via Satellite, followed by Holy Quran/Closedown.

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 My Little Pony: cartoons
6.30 Sam's Luck: Modelling seems to be the way out to tide over

financial difficulties
7.00 Survival: nature. A look at frogs
7.30 Life with Lucy: comedy. "Lucy and the Grand Goose." Results are 'quacky' when Curries is talked into getting a "guard goose."
8.00 News in English
8.40 Our House: "The Third Question." Not all men are sincere, the lady finds out the hard way
9.30 War in Korea: A look at the Korean war from its beginning and the US role in the conflict. Documentary
10.30 Made-for-TV Movie: "Unnatural Causes." Starring: John Ritter, Alfred Woodward. The story of a Vietnam war veteran who dies of a disease caused by the use of chemical weapons
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

WHAT'S ON

THEATRE

Bangali Play
OCT 27/28: 6.30 pm, Mousetrap Theatre, The Mousetrap Group, a Bangladeshi theatre company, presents "Ballad Purer Rupkatha, a fairy tale. For reservations phone A. Karim — 2627643; Dr Hyder — 5625456; Heron — 4893424.

Rock the Night
SHORTLY: Auditions for male singers for Sounds Great rock concert due to be held on Nov 23/24. Tel: Montazer — 5740256/7.

MUSIC

Kuwait Singers
SATURDAY/MONDAY: 7.30 pm: Rehearsals for the December concert; at Gulf English, Salwa. New members welcome. For enquiries call 3940770 ext. 56 or 5384873.
OCT 13: IAC, Funaites. Puppets, Tawil and Malayalam film songs will be presented by local vocalists. For reservations phone 3904817.

Beat Show
OCT 14: IAC. Funaites. 3.30 pm: The Kuwait Goan Beat Show: four-hours of non-stop music featuring six brass bands — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks: choreography by Nacsh and Qariba; breakdance by Fernandes Boys. Kuwait Goans production. For details phone 2413348.

Guitar Recital
OCT 19: Kuwait Hilton Hotel: Concert of German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin. "Hymns of Eternity," one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

Sounds Great
OCT 19-22: Seats can now be reserved for the Sounds Great Pop-Rock Musical to be performed at the Salmiya Cinema from Oct 19-22. Reservations by ringing 5740256/7; 5756888/5758060 ext. 263; tickets must be collected from Salmiya Cinema box office by Friday, Oct 14. Tickets also available from the box office nightly from 5-9 pm from Oct 8.

Mousetrap Theatre
OCT 19/20: Mousetrap Theatre, 8 pm: a piano recital by Thalia Myers. The pianist will also conduct two master classes for experienced musicians and amateurs on Oct 17 and 18 from 4-6 pm. Tickets for the concert available from New English School, 8 am to 1 pm, 4-6 pm. Tel: 531-8060; 531-8061.

SOCIAL

Kuwait Players
Opening Ball
OCT 13: Holiday Inn, Ballroom. Kuwait Players' opening ball. Cocktails at 7.30 pm; dinner and entertainment by the K.P. Band. Dress: formal. Membership discount applies. For reservations contact the social secretary on Tel: 3941572.

Goan Fiesta 88
OCT 13: 8.30 pm, Messilah Beach Hotel (MBH), Habiba Ballroom: Goan Fiesta 88 to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Young Goans Association. Music by the Stepping Stones and Hurricane Alley. For reservations phone Tom — 242-1454; Wilson — 241-6298; Tony — 398-5040; Almeida — 481-3740.

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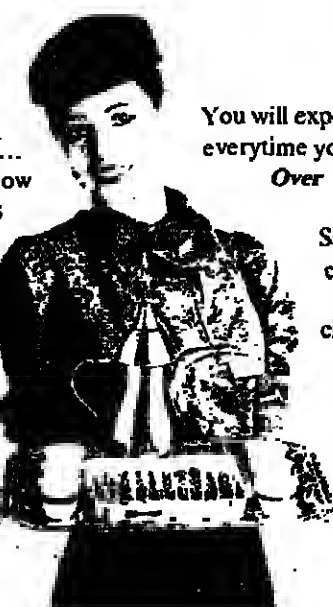
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EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

I BELIEVE in the discipline of silence and can talk for hours about it — George Bernard Shaw, English playwright (1856-1950).

Civil war in northern Somalia

Main towns reduced to heaps of rubble

By Graham Hancock

HARGEISA, Somalia, (Reuters): A civil war in northern Somalia has left the government in control of the mountainous and arid region, but its main towns have been reduced to deserted heaps of rubble.

Diplomats and Somali officials estimate that 50,000 people died in heavy fighting between government forces and rebels of the Somali National Movement (SNM) during June, July and August.

More than 400,000 refugees fled to neighbouring Ethiopia. The northern city of Hargeisa, which once had a population of half a million, is a ghost town.

Whole sections of Hargeisa were flattened by artillery shelling between government and rebel forces occupying different parts of the town.

The government says 14,000 buildings were razed and a further 12,000 heavily damaged before the Army regained control of Hargeisa in mid-August.

Corpses
A month later I saw rotting corpses still scattered in the rubble of this city, which until the civil war was the second largest in Somalia after the capital Mogadishu.

Hargeisa's water supply system was knocked out in the fighting, food is short and the town's overcrowded hospital is packed with children whose hands or feet were blown off by grenades and anti-personnel mines.

There are also many cases of severe malnutrition.

Control
"Many of these people have been misled by the SNM into believing that government troops would kill them if they came home and accordingly they have hidden in the bush for a long time without food or shelter," Dr Abdi Karim Asser, the chief medical officer, told Reuters.

The SNM launched a massive attack on Hargeisa on June 1 and succeeded in occupying most of the town on one stage, but it never captured the military headquarters.

Somali officers say the Army regained full control of Hargeisa in a two-week push at the beginning of August.

Famine, not the gun, kills in south Sudan

By Hamza Hendawi

KHARTOUM, (Reuters): Famine has replaced the gun as the lethal weapon in south Sudan's civil war, a catastrophe little known to the outside world at first hand.

Diplomats and United Nations relief officials estimate that tens of thousands of non-combatant civilians have died during the conflict. Hunger, not bullets, killed almost all of them.

The relief officials say many thousands more will soon die of starvation or malnutrition-related diseases unless food supplies are sent in urgently.

Southern politicians have urged the government to declare the region a disaster area, but complain it is indifferent to the plight of the south whereas it acted promptly when floods devastated northern Sudan in August.

Diplomats say about half the south's estimated six million people have fled to other parts of Sudan or to Ethiopia in search of food and security. Most of those left behind are said to be surviving on grass and leaves.

Breakdown
The famine, resulting from the breakdown of the agricultural cycle in five years of civil strife, has so far aroused little concern in the West.

James Ingram, executive director of the UN World Food Programme, said this was largely because television crews were unable to reach the areas of suffering.

Government officials blame the rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), which launched its bush war in 1983 to win autonomy for the mainly animist or Christian south from the Muslim, Arabised north.

The rebels have consistently ambushed trucks, river barges and trains carrying supplies to the south, maintaining that the convoys also provisioned Army

garrisons and were legitimate targets since they were escorted by soldiers.

A long-standing SPLA threat to attack planes flying to the south without its permission has so far prevented any major airlift of food. The rebels have shot down several aircraft, including two Sudanese airliners, in the past two years.

Diplomats said SPLA strategy appeared to be aimed at forcing people to move, under threat of starvation, from government-controlled areas to rebel-held regions.

They said there was evidence that food was reaching people in areas under rebel control from unknown rebel sources in Ethiopia, home of the SPLA's leadership, Kenya and Uganda.

Like any guerrilla Army, the SPLA depended on the sympathy of sections of the local population for food, information and security, the diplomats said.

They doubted that the SPLA deliberately sought the mass exodus of southerners. "The rapid depopulation of the south could be playing into the Army's hands," said one senior UN official based in Khartoum.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said hundreds of thousands of cattle, the key to life in the south, would die unless large-scale vaccination was underway before the end of the year.

Mortality
And the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) said the infant mortality rate had rocketed in the south over the past five years and an immunisation programme was urgently needed.

The SPLA has yet to give clearance to a government-approved plan by the ICRC to send food to the south to feed an estimated one million people. The scheme envisages simultaneous deliveries to government and rebel-controlled areas.

In an average year over a fifth of the country is under water

Flooding is a perennial problem for Bangladesh

By Peri Batiwala

DHAKA, (Panos): For Bangladesh, flooding is a perennial problem, a fact of life as sure as the sunshine. The country is a huge alluvial plain created by the deposits of billions of tonnes of silt washed from the Himalayan slopes by the subcontinent's two largest rivers, the Ganges and the Brahmaputra.

In an average year it is estimated that about 29,000 square kilometres, or over a fifth of the country is under water, this year two thirds of the country, as well as 80 per cent of Dhaka, has been submerged under several feet of flood water.

How far is this a major shift from the recurring problems of flooding in a swampy flat country, where at the best of times, most of it is less than 2 metres above sea level? Or is the disaster-flooding a symptom of a deteriorating man-made ecological disaster.

Deforestation
Opinion is divided. Firstly, some experts say the problem is being greatly aggravated by extensive deforestation in northern India and Nepal. They lack co-ordinated national efforts in reforestation for Bangladesh's worsening problems.

According to The Centre for Science and the Environment in New Delhi, India has lost 40 per cent of forest cover in the last 30 years to meet domestic timber needs. The increase in flood-prone areas has almost tripled in the last 25 years, despite an enormous increase in flood control.

Similarly, in Nepal there is excessive pressure on fuelwood supplies. Critics argue that this extensive denuding of the Himalayas, by peasants searching for fuelwood or building wood, or by ravenous big business, has robbed the slopes of vegetation cover, which normally acts as a "sponge", preventing the full onslaught of flash floods.

As well as causing landslides, the torrents wash down billions of tonnes of high-quality top soil which silts up river beds, making them shallower and even more liable to flooding. In Bangladesh itself there is extensive deforestation in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

Population
Bangladesh's population of 110 million occupies an area of 144,000 sq. km, a sizeable proportion of which is flooded for months at a time, while the population swells by 3.3 million people annually.

For many experts, any long-term strategy for safeguarding Bangladesh from future floods, must begin with co-ordinated efforts by governments, NGOs and grass-roots organisations to conserve the remaining forest, and then implement reforestation programmes.

On the other hand, there are experts who say that the issue of man-made deforestation is being overstated. According to one, Steve Brichien-Columbi of Halcrow, a British consultancy firm with many years experience in Bangladesh, the real focus should be on planning a long-term river and flood control strategy.

Although millions of villagers have turned to small factories they can now set up, "rural industries" cannot absorb the countryside's vast labour surplus, estimated at more than 100 million. Many flock to cities in search of gold.

Selling
At least 10 million have jammed China's "23 biggest" urban areas, selling their services as carpenters, domestic servants, dressmakers and construction workers to satisfy a booming labour demand long repressed by a system that claimed no unemployment.

But although it has instilled new labour force vitality, the "floating population" has created a new set of social problems among those who fail or find themselves on the fringe of a society not yet ready to cope with large numbers living on its edges.

Freedom
After decades of being restricted to home villages or assigned lifetime jobs, Chinese are exercising new freedoms to flee impoverished rural backwaters and dead-end employment. The government estimates

Chinese exercising new liberties

By David R. Schweisberg

BEIJING, (UPI): In dark alleyways surrounding Beijing's railway station, hundreds of fortune-seekers who left rural villages with nothing but dreams camp out each night on the pavement. Others sleep to survive.

In southern Canton, a flood of arrivals from poor neighbouring regions has spawned a ragtag corps of professional beggars taking advantage of the city's new prosperity. A hard-core few panhandle by day, then turn to gambling and prostitution by night.

In other cities across China, armies of erstwhile peasants forge a hand-to-mouth existence as day labourers, maids, peddlers and small-time entrepreneurs. Their numbers strain overwhelmed urban services like housing and transport.

All are members of what China has officially dubbed "the floating population," a catch-all phrase for the swelling ranks of transients, from travelling salesmen to penniless vagrants.

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By Eric Hall

DUBAI, (Reuters): Fears of long delays at war damaged ports and uncertainty over Iran's economic policies are deterring ships from entering the Gulf as much as the missiles that threatened them during the Iraq-Iran war.

But the problem is not purely economic. Bad memories of years of running that gauntlet between the warring nations remain.

"We sent 58 bodies home during the shipping war," said a manager at a local shipping line. And owners and managers said they still had a nagging fear of being caught in a sudden renewal of hostilities following the Aug 20 ceasefire to the eight-year war.

The threat posed by mines has diminished, but they will remain a residual danger for years in the bright blue waters of the Gulf.

Shipping sources said Iran was

By William Echikson

WARSAW: Poland's communist leaders and its anti-communist workers disagree on almost everything except perhaps one subject — their choice for the next president of the United States.

These unlikely bedfellows don't favour liberal, ethnic Michael Dukakis. They like preppy, conservative George Bush.

"Bush is our candidate," says Krzysztof Sliwinski, a Roman Catholic journalist. "He came here last year and really impressed all of us."

For the banned Solidarity trade union, the Republican can-

didate's visit last September was a smashing success. Bush went to the Warsaw church of martyred priest Jerzy Popieluszko, raised Lech Walesa's hand high in a gesture of victory, and prayed for the illegal union. Speaking on Polish television, he called for Solidarity's legalization.

"Bush was the first foreign politician since martial law to speak about Solidarity on national television here," recalls Bogdan Lis, a member of the union's national organizing committee. "How can we not love him?"

Perhaps more surprising is Communist Party chief Wojciech Jaruzelski's favourable

feelings toward the Republican candidate. According to Polish officials and Western diplomats, Bush showed himself in meeting with General Jaruzelski to be well-briefed about Polish problems and disposed to help the country.

"The two men got along well personally," a diplomat says. "The Poles know that every Western politician makes a pilgrimage to see Walesa, and they are used to the idea."

All Poles appreciate the fact that Bush took the time to visit their country. Dukakis, they note, has not spent much time in Europe.

"No one here wants any sur-

prises," the diplomat says. "Poles don't know Dukakis."

What little Poles hear about the Democratic candidate worries them. As a Greek and a Greek Orthodox, they fear he will be anti-Roman Catholic and predisposed to Russian Orthodoxy.

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The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

Control
Iran, with some 800 km (500 miles) of shoreline on the Gulf, is much better placed than Iraq — with its 16-km (nine-mile) coast — to ship in the bulk cargoes it needs to rebuild and export the oil it has to sell to pay for them.

Iraq has better road and oil pipeline communications through its western borders, but sea cargoes are much cheaper.

Central among issues in Iraq and Iran is the control and use of the disputed Shatt Al Arab

waterway. Iraq's port city of Basra and Iran's pre-war oil terminal at Abadan were both dependent on the waterway, now accessible only to small vessels because of silting and wrecks.

"It's political, Iraq is not going to allow Iran to rebuild its ports until they resolve the waterway issue," said one European shipping source in the Gulf.

The question of the Shatt is due to be discussed at resumed UN-sponsored peace talks in New York although Baghdad says it is studying a scheme to divert the waterway away from Iran.

Japanese shipping sources said there was uncertainty over Iran's priorities in the Gulf with continued debate between advocates of central control and those who want a freer market.

"There is no money yet. We will have to see their priorities and their budget," said an official at a major Japanese line.

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Iran executes political prisoners

Lives of thousands are in jeopardy

By John Hughes

WASHINGTON: Observers of Iran are concerned by a wave of political executions apparently carried out by the Khomeini regime during the past month.

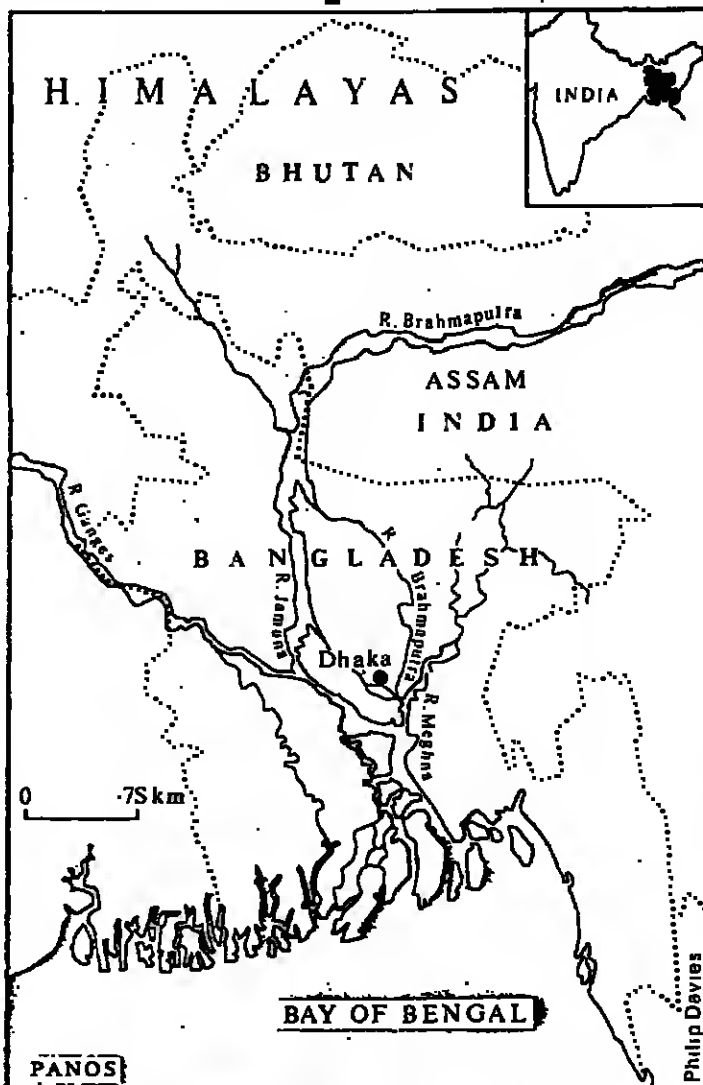
Because access to Iran is denied to many Westerners, details are difficult to establish. But enough evidence is accumulating, some of it derived from Iranian radio broadcasts and official reports, in the Iranian press, to suggest that hundreds of political prisoners may have been executed. The fear is that the lives of thousands more may be in jeopardy.

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Efficiently managed, many argue, such a policy could be the lock-keeper to Bangladesh's future. For a country like Bangladesh, interlaced by a network of water

systems and canals, water management is not a concept. There are at present two national authorities responsible for policy and implementation — the "Master Planning Organisation" supported by the World Bank and UNEP, and the Water Board of about 17,000 employees which is responsible for construction.

With these structures in place, what is going wrong? Flood control through water storage, an obvious measure, is not available to Bangladesh because there are no suitable sites. The feasible option — river embankment and polderisation — which is the main thrust of existing government efforts, is hindered because earth embankments demand a lot of already overpopulated land, and there is little earth with which to build them.

Adding to this, many of the embankment schemes seem to have been built in relative isolation and there is no integrated policy for a countrywide approach. The construction of unplanned embankments for flood control and irrigation, is blamed for localised flooding in the present disaster.

Diversions
Furthermore, the diversion of the courses of rivers like Gumti, Khowai and border rivers, the Muhuri and Feni, is held to be contributing to increased siltation on the river beds, while some experts blame the construction of Farakka barrage, which is diverting Ganges water on a massive scale.

The analytical techniques of hydraulic engineering require a long term understanding and

surveillance of the lay of the land, flood movement, siltation and river control.

But any substantive research in this area is badly lacking. It is hardly surprising that the official approach is a desperate "mend and patch" one, throwing up new embankments when an old one comes down, and unable to continue regular expensive maintenance. This year, some 380 irrigation projects are thought to be either dead or dying due to siltation and no maintenance.

Yet another area in which there seems to be a need for real improvement is co-operation between India, Nepal and Bangladesh in river control with a communications network between them so that Bangladesh can know the measures taken further upstream and plan accordingly.

Drains
As the area of the catchment of the Ganges, Brahmaputra and Meghna rivers (a total of 1.5 million square kms) which drains into Bangladesh is ten times that of Bangladesh itself, it would seem that real regional co-operation is a priority.

The South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation is moving toward this, but India, which has complete control of the Ganges, tends to control flooding by embankments. Also, India's huge dam projects are built primarily for providing hydropower, therefore for generating income, and secondly for dry season irrigation. Their utilisation in flood management, which could be significant, comes a poor third.

Iran executes political prisoners

Lives of thousands are in jeopardy

By John Hughes

WASHINGTON: Observers of Iran are concerned by a wave of political executions apparently carried out by the Khomeini regime during the past month.

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porters of other political opposition groups are also reported to have been executed.

Family visits to political prisoners in Tehran's Evin prison have been halted, and this has fuelled speculation that many of the prisoners may have been executed. A Financial Times correspondent in Iran reported that executed political prisoners were being sent for burial to Lots 91 and 92 in Tehran's Beheshti Zahiria cemetery and that there had been a "traffic jam" of bereaved relatives there.

There seems little question that the Khomeini regime is angered by Mujahadeen military operations in the west of the country. Newspapers have published pictures of public hangings in the area, hangings of alleged collaborators with the Mujahadeen, and Mujahadeen members.

Pressure
The pressure is on for execution without any kind of trial. For example, in a Friday prayer speech recently, monitored by Western sources, Iran's chief justice, Ayatollah Musavi Ardebili, said the people are so angry at the dissidents that the "judiciary is under great pressure from public opinion, which questions why we even try them. There is no need for any trial. The crime is clear, the verdict is clear, and the punishment is also clear. There is no need for trial... the people do not accept it when we say we must have proof, we must have evidence... the people say they should all be executed."

Amnesty International is opposed to the death penalty. In the case of Iran, it is particularly concerned by the lack of provisions for fair trial in political cases, and the lack of any procedure for prisoners sentenced to death to appeal against conviction or sentence.

The Christian Science Monitor.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1843 — Anglo-Chinese commercial treaties confirm Treaty of Nanking.
- 1858 — "Arrow Incident" — in which ship flying British flag is boarded by Chinese, provoking second Anglo-Chinese war.
- 1895 — Queen of Korea is assassinated with Japanese connivance.
- 1903 — United States and China sign commercial treaty.
- 1912 — Montenegro declares war on Turkey.
- 1934 — Bruno Hauptmann is indicted on murder charge in death of infant son of US aviation pioneer Charles Lindbergh.
- 1939 — Germany incorporates western Poland into Third Reich in World War II.
- 1954 — Communist Vietnamese forces occupy Hanoi.
- 1961 — Prince Souvanna Phouma is chosen premier of new provisional coalition government in Laos.
- 1975 — Heavy fighting in Beirut and northern Lebanon takes at least 25 lives and shatters latest truce between Christians and Muslims.
- 1978 — Israeli cabinet decides to send its entire seven-member ministerial defence committee to renewed peace talks with Egypt in Washington, D.C.
- 1984 — China announces plan to make primary school education compulsory by year 1990 and eradicate adult illiteracy by 1995.
- 1987 — Tamil militants kill at least 24 people, most of them Sinhalese, as Indian peacekeeping troops fan out to quell violence in northern and eastern Sri Lankan provinces.

Battling against planetary self-immolation: how far will industrial societies go?

By Charles Clover

IT IS an uncomfortable fact that even Guy Fawkes might not make his contribution to global warming.

For the gases which scientists believe may warm the global climate by between 1.5 to 4.5 degrees Centigrade by the year 2050 are produced by every sphere of human activity which involves burning: coal-fired power stations, cars, agriculture, refrigerators and the manufacture of some of the most common household goods.

Western industrial societies are only a short distance along the path towards answering the question, "What can we do about the greenhouse effect?" This, of course, begs the further question — Will industrial society as we know it be possible if we are to prevent climate change?

Adapt

Environmental Cassandra, like Jose Lutzenberger, the veteran Brazilian campaigner, have been preaching for 20 years that industrial society as we know it will have to be abandoned. But most governments and independent experts believe these environmentalists to be too pessimistic, and their views distorted by rosy idealism or ideology.

Society will just have to redesign and adapt to be more energy efficient and to use fewer fossil fuels, says Gerald

Leach, adviser on energy to the International Institute for Environment and Development in London.

"I don't think that we need to de-industrialise society. There are still enormous savings to be made from energy conservation, without doing without your car, your fridge, or your nice warm home."

To halt the greenhouse effect we have to stop producing the four gases responsible for it. These are chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) — which are also responsible for the dangerous "holes" in the stratospheric ozone layer — carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxide and methane.

Carbon dioxide is responsible for just under 50 per cent of the warming, the rest comes from the burning of other gases. If global production of all these gases remains on course, we can expect a sea level rise of 20 to 140 centimetres by 2050 due to the melting of Polar ice. At 1.5 metres there would be wide

spread flooding of low-lying land. Potential climate changes could make dust-bowls of the American Midwest and the Nile delta.

The first global squabble looming, says Leach, is over whether we should attempt to stop producing all these gases or learn to adapt to the global warming they produce. "Do we build a sea wall around London and Bangladesh?" he asks. "Remember, there will be winners and losers from climate change. It looks as if the climate for agriculture in Siberia, for example, could get better."

Assuming there is global agreement to limit greenhouse gases, how drastic are the changes required? Current thinking has it that a reduction of about 50 per cent can be achieved without drastically altering the way we live.

However, we do not know how successful a 50 per cent reduction would be in preventing a temperature rise. Scientists



Torching the savannah in Brazil: where the forest has been cleared, grass is burned off to improve pasture for cattle

do not know enough about the heat-huffing abilities of the oceans and the clouds and are unlikely to know for 30 years whether we should have reduced the gases by more than 50 per cent.

Here is a "shopping list" of immediate measures by which that 50 per cent reduction could be achieved, put together yesterday by conservationists and senior government scientists.

● **Stop using CFCs.** The best known use of CFCs is in aerosols, but far greater quantities are used in refrigerators, industrial solvents and packaging.

● **Reduce burning of fossil fuels.** Carbon dioxide is the biggest problem. Globally about three billion tonnes of it is added to the atmosphere each year, mostly from the burning of fossil fuels. And energy demand is rising. Any political initiative would need to put pressure on those countries subsidising their use of fossil fuels — like China, Australia, and Brazil.

● **Use more nuclear power.** Countries like Sweden and Holland who have decided against nuclear power will be under pressure to reconsider their decision, for nuclear power plants produce no carbon dioxide. And environmentalist groups like Greenpeace will have to examine more carefully their opposition to the nuclear option.

● **Develop renewable energy sources.** Dams, windmills and tidal barrages now look more

attractive even though they may have other environmental consequences.

● **Stop forest burning.** The burning of tropical forests produces 20 per cent of the annual build-up of carbon dioxide, partly through the gas given off, partly because the trees which are destroyed were acting as a carbon "sink."

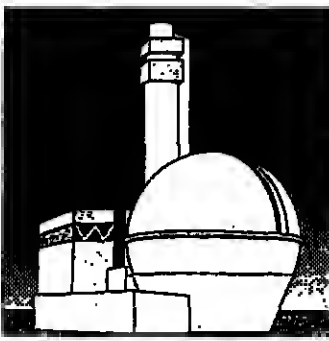
International pressure will have to be brought to counteract inertia, greed and corruption. Reforestation will need funding, perhaps through foreign aid. Chancellor Kohl this week promised lavish funds for tropical countries who stop deforestation.

In the long term, further measures like "treating" carbon dioxide by spraying it to make it into carbonic acid (soda water) have yet to be proved to work.

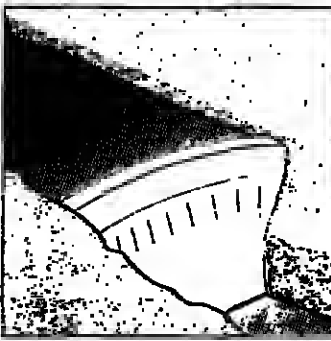
But the biggest and potentially nastiest battles by far, says Gerald Leach, will be between the First World and the Third. Third World countries want Western standards of living and for that their use of energy must increase. Liberal intentions of bettering the lot of the Third World poor are, some scientists say, inconsistent with limiting energy use. The First world also "exports" much of its energy demand in having many consumer goods produced in the Third.

All these measures will require an unheard-of degree of international political co-operation and stringent environmental legislation.

Can we win the battle against planetary self-immolation? Kenneth Piddington, head of the World Bank's environmental department, says: "In this business you've got to be an optimist." Gerald Leach says: "Remember, after the oil crisis the OECD countries reduced their energy use by about 20 per cent."



Some solutions: nuclear energy and dams



Brazil's biological holocaust

By Herbert Girardet

I KNEW I was going to the Amazon at the height of the burning season, but nothing could have prepared me for the scale of the forest fires.

Brasilia, the capital city, was covered in a smoky haze which I had attributed to the heavy traffic that criss-crosses this oversized Milton Keynes of South America day and night. But as we took off to fly north to Conceicao de Araguaia it became apparent that the haze had quite a different cause.

Smoke

The savannah country below us was on fire. From horizon to horizon columns of smoke were rising thousands of feet into the air. Hills were hardly visible. Wherever we landed on our seven-hour flight, grass and small trees were on fire.

Almost 20 per cent of the annual build-up of carbon dioxide — the principal greenhouse gas — can be attributed to the burning of tropical forests. Brazil is one of the main culprits: what is happening there, according to one of the country's leading environmentalists, is "a biological holocaust". An eye witness who travelled across the Amazon rain forest this month, describes the scale of devastation.

I could not believe the scale of what was happening. As we took off again from Conceicao for the last leg of our flight east to Redencao, the smoke became so thick that the pilot lost his way. Some of the passengers had tears running down their cheeks. The acrid smoke, the feeling of helplessness and

outrage in the face of so much destruction left us gasping. Eventually the pilot did find the air-strip at Redencao. As we arrived in this frontier town of gold diggers and cattle ranchers — only 50 years ago, the location of an Indian jungle village — the smoke was so thick that one could not see

across the street.

The next day we set off by minibus on the dirt road to Gorotire, the Kayapo Indian village which was our destination. We were joined by Beptopp, a Kayapo shaman who was to explain to us his use of medicinal plants.

Beptopp was not in a happy mood. The burning landscape through which we were driving was the home of his ancestors. Where the forests had already been cleared the grass was being burned off to "improve" the cattle pasture.

Breath-taking

We stopped several times to witness the breathtaking fires consuming mahogany, ipuna, all kinds of palms. Was this not an incredible waste of timber? Was it not the annihilation of unique genetic resources? In the blackened landscape we saw a few bony cattle chewing the remaining clumps of dry grass. Somebody quoted a news report about 400 cattle dying in a fire started to create yet more pasture.

Last year, according to the Brazilian Government, 50 million acres of forest and pasture — an area the size of England, Scotland and Wales — went up in smoke. Of this, 20 million acres were virgin forest. This year so far at least 100 million acres, of which an even larger proportion is virgin forest.

Policy

Beptopp shook his head. "Why does the white man always burn everything, why does he not plant trees like we do? What will our children eat? What will the white man's children eat?" Brazil's policy of providing free land for settlers is a major contributor to the problem. Half the land has to be deforested to validate the claim; the rest is supposed to be left forested. But this law is hardly ever obeyed.

At the Indian village of Gorotire, the Kayapo chiefs expressed their outrage at the destruction. Didn't the ranchers realise that the denuded land would stay fertile only for a few years? That the heat of the sun would crack the soil and that the rainstorms would wash it away? That next year the ranchers would have to burn even more forest just to replace the pasture that had become barren?

Media

The Indians are learning quickly how to use a language that media people can understand. Apart from protests in Brasilia this is almost the only defence they have against the destruction.

In the meantime the forest fires will continue until the rains start falling in October. Most countries would fight to save their forests, but Brazilians cannot seem to get rid of their fast enough.

Villagers wary of living near industrial waste tip

By David Ljunggren

LOSCE, England, (Reuters): Every morning before breakfast, Elaine Worthington goes downstairs to check if her home is about to blow up.

In a corner beside her spidrier she has a meter linked to an instrument above her bath which measures the level of highly inflammable methane gas.

If the air in the house contains 20 per cent methane, a fan comes on to disperse the gas. If the level rises to 30 per cent, an alarm sounds and her family must evacuate immediately.

Meters were installed in several homes in this northern English village after methane leaking from a disused domestic waste tip caused a nearby house to explode in 1986, according to a local council inquiry.

Since then, local families have suffered constant uncertainty while politicians and waste experts wrangle over the hazards of domestic waste tipping, a growing problem in industrial nations.

Many domestic rubbish sites in Britain are known as "landfill tips", crates in the ground which are gradually filled with rubbish and covered with topsoil.

As the waste decomposes and mixes with rainwater, it starts to produce methane gas. A tonne of buried waste produces up to 400 cubic metres of the gas, which is capable of travelling a quarter of a mile (400 metres) underground, experts say. Some landfill sites contain three million tonnes of rotting rubbish.

In May, a government report said leaking methane was endangering lives and property at around 1,300 waste dumps, 600 of which needed urgent fitting of gas control equipment.

Many environmentalists say Britain should adopt the solution favoured by other European countries.

"In Britain there's a fair amount of space, and landfill is always the easiest option," said Pippa Hyam from the environmentalist pressure group Friends of The Earth.

"On the (European) continent, landfill is always much more expensive. They have many more incinerators and far more recycling. They're more willing to recycle because of strict government policy."

In Britain, recent government reports have criticised the haphazard way many landfill tips are run and firmer legislation is being drawn up.

For the 1,000 or so people living in the 300 houses surrounding the seven-and-a-half acre (three hectare) tip in Loscoe, Derbyshire, the reports came too late.

Residents say while the tip was in operation between 1976

and 1981, rats flocked to the site whenever a fresh load of waste was discharged.

Worse was to come. By 1984 plants and trees near the tip began shrivelling and dying, a sure sign the 300,000 tonnes of rotting rubbish underground were producing methane.

Residents alleged that nothing was done despite repeated warnings and tests.

On March 24, 1986 an explosion ripped apart the bungalow in which Frank and Kathleen Middleton lived with their son. All three survived.

"I looked up and saw the pear trees in the garden," said Kathleen Middleton, who broke her pelvis and left arm in the explosion. "Gracious," I thought, "therooof's vanished."

The family bought a house in

a neighbouring village and are now £20,000 (£37,000) in debt. Kathleen Middleton walks with a stick and her left arm is permanently disabled.

Residents cannot sue for compensation until they know who is responsible for the site. Lawyers acting for residents have identified five different authorities and firms who could be responsible.

The council in charge of the neighbourhood denies any responsibility, and under current British law the firm operating it ceased to be responsible once it stopped operating.

Following the explosion, the council sank boreholes into the tip and installed a large, noisy motor to pump out gas from under the ground 24 hours a day.

Weather log unravels climate mystery

By Gene Emery

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island. (Reuters): Scientists from nearly 20 institutions, using evidence from lake and ocean beds, have developed a history of earth's climate dating back 18,000 years.

The findings, as well as solving several mysteries about the weather in ancient times, will help scientists confirm and improve forecasts about the "greenhouse effect" which is expected to "warm the planet dramatically."

"By gaining a better understanding of how the global climate system works, we're contributing to the ability to predict future climate changes," said Thompson Webb, one of the leaders of the co-operative holocene mapping project (COHMAP).

The group's findings were reported in a recent issue of the journal "Science". The group found that much of the southwestern United States was once far wetter than it is today, and that a giant ice sheet which covered Eastern Canada up to 9,000 years ago helped delay a heat wave that was later felt throughout much of the rest of the world.

Many of Africa's desert areas were far wetter 9,000 years ago, with fresh water lakes created by strong summer monsoons.

Such weather patterns, Webb said, explains why skeletons of crocodiles and hippopotamuses have been found in the Sahara desert.

John Kutzbach, director of COHMAP and director of the Centre for Climatic Research at the University of Wisconsin, said it was important to reconstruct past weather patterns because climate experts can compare the actual conditions to what computer models say the weather should have been in pre-historic times.

"We know what happened in the past, so we can tell if (the computers) are right," said Kutzbach.

Computer models are telling scientists that pollution will cause earth's climate to warm up.

Some researchers have tried to develop temperature maps that are specific to each region, but "when it comes to the ability to predict regional effects, you have to take such predictions with a grain of salt," said Webb, a geologist at Brown University in Providence.

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Keith Richards, 44, launching a mature assault on rock 'n' roll

By David Sinclair

AT 44, Keith Richards has proved himself to be indubitably tougher than the rest, and still remains the personification of rock's delinquent tendency. As perhaps the key figure in the Rolling Stones he has contributed a pivotal musical legacy and emerged battered-looking but unbowed from 26 years of barely imaginable mayhem.

Only last month, "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" was voted the best record of the past 25 years in a Rolling Stone magazine critics' poll.

The accompanying commentary suggested that the opening guitar riff was "the rock 'n' roll equivalent to Beethoven's Fifth."

"I'm flattered," Richards says, "but I wonder what Beethoven would have to say about it."

Now, despite initial misgivings, he is about to release his first solo album. "I'd always felt that the idea of making a solo album would mean that I'd failed to keep the Stones together, which was something I always figured I could do."

Happy

However, when Mick Jagger declined to tour to promote the Rolling Stones' 1986 album *Dirty Work* and then smartly set about recording and promoting his second solo album instead, Richards was forced to take a rain check on his long-standing policy. In partnership with the session drummer Steve Jordan, whom he met in Paris during the making of *Dirty Work*, Richards convened a stellar mob of predominantly American musicians, including funk-adapted bassist Bootsy Collins, Allman Brothers keyboard player Chuck Leavell and James Brown's sax player Maceo Parker. The resulting recording is a grainy, refreshingly soulful collection of 11 new songs entitled *Talk Is Cheap*.

"I'm quite happy with it, especially for a first bash," pronounces Richards, who is

now planning to record solo again. "As I said to the Stones, 'If you'll have a job getting me back in.'"

Indeed, he has a four-piece band from the sessions including Jordan on drums, which he plans to take on a tour of the American theatre circuit before Christmas.

The relationship between Jagger and Richards, never smooth at the best of times, hit rock bottom in the aftermath of *Dirty Work* and the frank airing of grievances in interviews, which led some observers to conclude that at long last it really was all over for the Stones. Not so, according to Richards, who states categorically that plans are in hand for an album and a tour next year.

"I've seen Mick quite a lot recently for an evening here and there. Sometimes it's been quite encouraging and other times I fly off the handle. But it has to come out. To me, it's like growing pains more than anything else."

I think that the Stones can definitely get back together and still do some interesting stuff, because I think they're in a unique position. After all, the audience has grown up along with the music and we've grown up with it, and I don't see any reason why you can't have mature rock 'n' roll. Even if you

can't, well, let's find out. The Stones shouldn't toss that opportunity away."

By most accounts, Richards has been lucky to arrive at a position where he can talk about investigating the possibilities of "mature rock 'n' roll". His lined face bears testament to the kind of lifestyle which has consigned many of his peers to an early grave.

Cleaved

"You never know what the job entails until you're too far in to get out. You pay a tax on successes: physically, mentally, and in the way your personality changes. Also, the industrial accident rate in rock 'n' roll is pretty high. It's not a particularly easy job and there are high risks just on the level of having to take those dodgy charter planes and driving so many miles, year in year out. There are the inner problems. A lot of musicians are fragile characters, and yet you are constantly exposed. So you look for something, to dull it or to beef you up. And dope is the first obvious thing that's going to fool you into thinking you're dealing with it."

Although Richards has cleaned up his act since his arrest in Toronto in 1977, he is not the sort of person to be found checking for E numbers on goods in the supermarket. "You can't knock it, people

wanting to keep fit, but I think it's become a bit of a mania."

"I watch these guys jogging in New York, hammering their joints and knees and ankles. You shouldn't go stomping about on concrete like that. It's not good for you," Aulie Falleberg, who bore Richards' first two children, Marlon (19) and Angela (16), and was his partner in crime during the days of his heaviest excesses, now works for Narcotics Anonymous.

"I'm not saying that some people don't need it, but to me the idea of joining a group and talking about something that you've stopped doing suggests that you're still hooked on it. You could use that time more productively in other ways."

Richards is now married to Patti Hansen, a former model, who has blessed him with another two children. "I've always been a bit of a family man, myself," he says, beaming. "I take the dog for a walk. I enjoy it immensely, although now and again things clash. I might be out with the kids and some guy comes up going: 'Yeah man, sympathy for the Devil,' and I say: 'I'm just taking the kids to church, God-damit.'"

"I love having kids about. They give you back that warmth and innocence which is so necessary, because if you forget it entirely or have it knocked



Keith Richards has contributed a pivotal musical legacy

out of you as you grow up, you can become very cynical and hard."

"Among other recent projects, Richards organized an all-star backing band to accompany Chuck Berry in a concert which provided footage for the feature film *Hail! Hail! Rock 'n' Roll*. In it some remarkable fly-on-the-wall sequences showed Berry in rehearsal shouting the odds at Richards for not playing his, (Berry's) riffs correctly."

"Chuck thought that all those technicals were for the band, he didn't realize that they were for him. He wouldn't have thought in a million years that it was him who needed to rehearse, and it's not the sort of thing you can tell him. I knew it was going to be a difficult job."

I had to watch the finished film with him at the New York Film Festival at the Lincoln Center in New York. We were sitting together in this little balcony. When it got to the bit in the film where I'm suggesting that maybe Chuck didn't really write the songs — that the melodies were knocked

together by Johnnie Johnson, his piano player — I started to wish that I'd worn a parachute."

Richards divides his time between New York, where he has an apartment, and Jamaica, where he has lived on and off for 18 years. He was relieved to hear that his house had been spared the worst ravages of Hurricane Gilbert.

"It's a very sturdy place. We lost a few trees in the garden, that's all. But I've got about a hundred Rastas, friends of mine, encircling the joint just for now, because there's a lot of looting going on. Jamaica is a very volatile place, but to me it's a lot of fun. The Caribbean culture is so inspiring. I just love their originality and their humour and their warmth."

Does anything in life intimidate him?

"I haven't found anything for a long time. I can't say there is any more. Not since I was woken up by 15 Canadian Mounties in order to be arrested. That was when I said 'Enough's enough. If I get out of this I'm staying out.'"

U2, Def Leppard top UK, US charts

LONDON, (AP) — The Irish rock group U2 topped the British pop singles chart with *Desire* this week, bumping the Hollies re-release of *He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother* into second spot.

Teardrops by Womack and Womack remained at third spot while Big Fun by Inner City and Kevin Saunderson moved to fourth place from sixth and Whitney Houston's *One Moment in Time* rounded out the top five.

Appearing in the top 10 for the first time were Don't Worry Be Happy by Bobby McFerrin, and She Wants to Dance With Me by Rick Astley.

Top Ten UK

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by *Our Price Music Ltd*, the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

- (1) *Desire* — U2 (Island).
 - (1) *He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother* — Hollies (EMI).
 - (3) *Teardrops* — Womack and Womack (Fourth and Broadway).
 - (6) *Big Fun* — Inner City — Kevin Saunderson (10 records).
 - (9) *One Moment in Time* — Whitney Houston (Arista).
 - (4) *A Groovy Kind of Love* — Phil Collins (Virgin).
 - (5) *Lovely Day* (Sunshine Mix) — Bill Withers (CBS).
 - (20) *Don't Worry Be Happy* — Bobby McFerrin (Manhattan).
 - (12) *She Wants to Dance With Me* — Rick Astley (RCA).
 - (8) *Nothing Can Divide Us* — Jason Donovan (PWL).
- And in New York, Def Leppard's *Love Bites* made its way to the number one slot among best-selling single pop records in the United States. The hit disc was in third place a week ago.
- Don't Worry Be Happy* by Bobby McFerrin slipped from the top of the *Cash Box* Magazine chart to second position. *Red Red Wine* by UB40 soared up four notches to third spot.
- Three newcomers made their way onto the top 10 pop list — *What's On Your Mind* (Pure

Energy) by Information Society, up from 12th to eighth; *Groovy Kind of Love* by Phil Collins, up from 14th to ninth; and *I Hate Myself For Loving You* by Joan Jett and Blackhearts, up from 11th to 10th.

Top Ten US

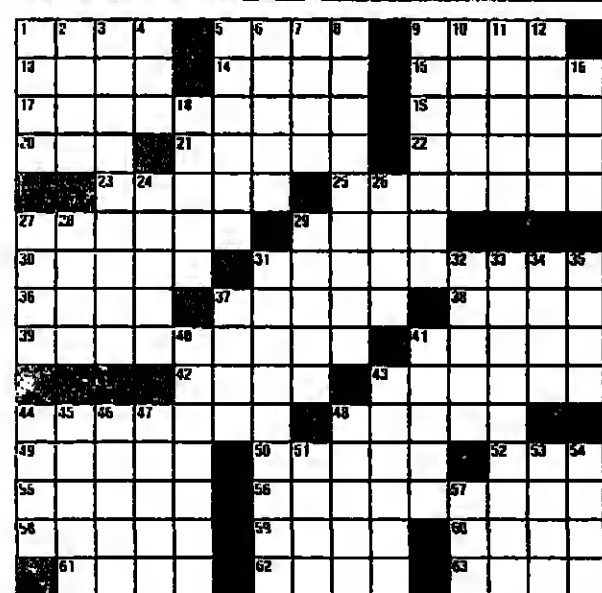
The top 10 pop singles, as rated by *Cash Box Magazine*, with last week's position in brackets:

- (3) *Love Bites* — Def Leppard (Mercury-Polygram).
- (1) *Don't Worry Be Happy* — Bobby McFerrin (EMI-Manhattan).
- (17) *Red Red Wine* — UB40 (A-and-M).
- (4) *I'll Always Love You* — Taylor Dayne (Arista).
- (12) *Sweet Child O' Mine* — Guns N' Roses (Geffen).
- (8) *Don't Be Cruel* — Cheap Trick (Epic).
- (6) *One Good Woman* — Peter Cetera (Full Moon-Warner Brothers).
- (12) *What's On Your Mind* (Pure Energy) — Information Society (Tommy Boy).
- (14) *Groovy Kind of Love* — Phil Collins (Atlantic).
- (11) *I Hate Myself For Loving You* — Joan Jett and The Blackhearts (Blackheart-CBS).

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by *Cash Box Magazine*, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (4) *Honky Tonk Moon* — Randy Travis (Warner Brothers).
- (2) *Streets of Bakersfield* — Dwight Yoakam and Buck Owens (Warner Brothers-Repertoire).
- (5) *Untold Stories* — Kathy Mattea (Mercury).
- (6) *Strong Enough to Bend* — Tanya Tucker (Capitol).
- (7) *Button Off My Shirt* — Ronnie Milsap (RCA).
- (8) *Darlene* — T. Graham Brown (Capitol).
- (1) *Addicted* — Dan Seals (Capitol).
- (10) *Gonna Take A Lot of River* — The Oak Ridge Boys (MCA).
- (9) *Blue Love* — The O'Kanes (Columbia).
- (12) *Summer Wind* — The Desert Rose Band (MCA-Curb).

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Babe and Pasha
 - Despots: Abbr.
 - Fury or tad
 - Custer's last general
 - Fast-food order
 - Fragrant resin
 - "Who Killed —?"
 - Liana and ivy
 - Ibo earth goddess
 - Mimicking bird
 - Ship's crane
 - Wide headlines
 - Grommel
 - El or annex
 - Tunney and Autry
 - Trey
 - A Near Island
 - Huls
 - Beginning of scope or loge
 - Radio audiences, e.g.
 - Sheer fabric
 - Kind of stone or post
 - Showed ennu
 - Vie
 - Dracula's title
 - Small squash
 - In conflict with, with "ot"
 - Weight abbr.
 - Ran for office
 - "Halt, Who —?"
 - Polished
 - Pointed, in heraldry
 - Glacial ridges
 - Word with up or off
 - To be, to Cato
 - Famous Ferrara family
- DOWN**
- Aims box
 - Ponce de —
 - Events
 - Siamese measure
 - Cease and desist
 - Book of the Apocrypha
 - Opposed, to a stubborn critter
 - Nightingales et al.
 - Retaliation
 - Straighten
 - Category
 - Moslem ruler
 - Adherents: Suffix
 - Kind words from John Simon
 - Eskimo
 - Donkeys, in Dijon
 - On a par with: Fr.
 - Certain
 - snowman
 - In what place
 - "— of Gentlemen": 1960 film
 - Demonstrated
 - Uninteresting
 - Wraith, in heraldry
 - the line
 - Tizzy, dither
 - Corrected
 - Leap
 - "Oh, say can —?"
 - Broadway unit
 - Double quarter
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 - Those in favor of
 - Dennis the Menace
 - Withered
 - Till the soil

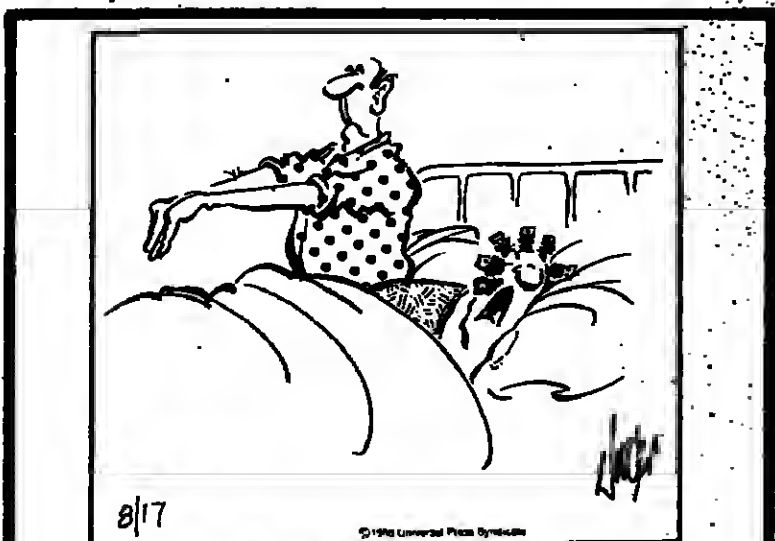
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

LAST CRAMP ARCH
ALTO VOYOS BEAU
HOAGY CARMICHAEL
RETAILS LORNA
STRESS PATS BAT
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GEORGIA ON MY MIND
EAT RONNO EGAD
ROS EWES SOLELY
SALLE AMOROUS
TWO SLEEPY PEOPLE
URSA STEEL SANE
OYES SCARE ELAIN

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

- Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**
♠AKJ4 ♥J6 ♦Q10763 ♠AQ
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ Pass
1 ♥ Pass ?
What do you bid now?
- Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:**
♠AK ♥AK983 ♦KQ4 ♠532
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
?
What do you bid now?
- Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**
♠Q97 ♥AKJ43 ♦93 ♠K104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?
- Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**
♠AK72 ♥95 ♦QJ83 ♠AQ10
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♥ Dbl Pass 1 NT
Pass ?
What action do you take?
- Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:**
♠AQJ75 ♥52 ♦AKQ ♠632
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with four hearts. What action do you take?
- Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:**
♠863 ♥KJ9 ♦1063 ♠A872
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♦ Pass 1 NT Pass
2 NT Pass ?
What action do you take?



"Stay away from that cake in the fridge."

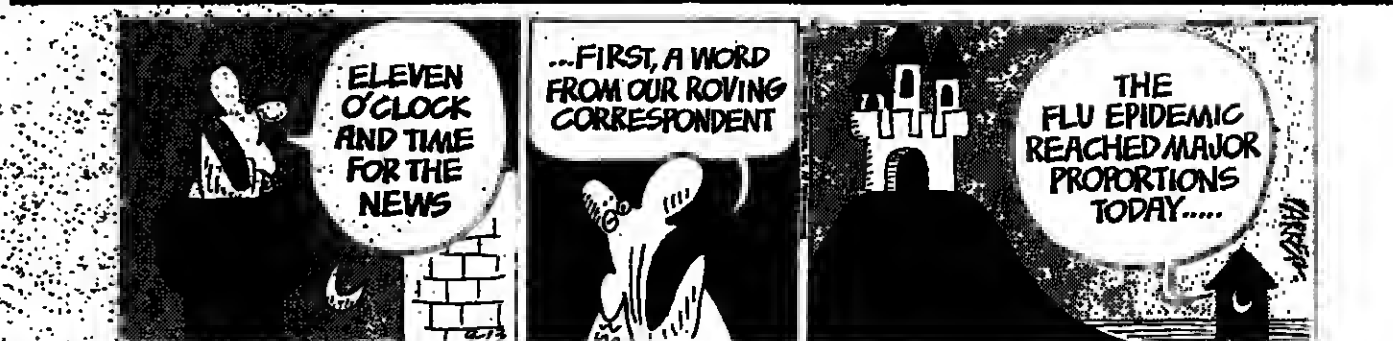


"Your breakfast is on the table..."

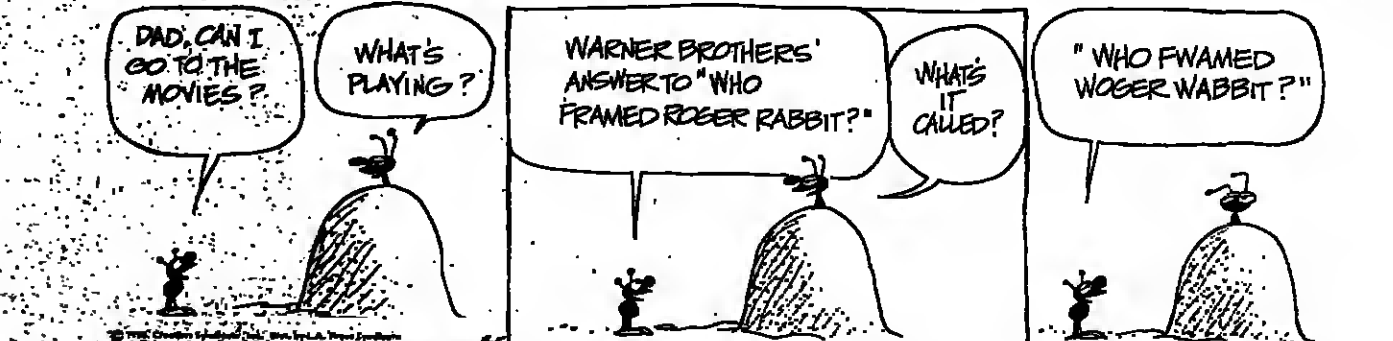
"We're going to have to get married. They've had a collection for me at work!"

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Grant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart



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Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will find it to be rather argumentative and should try to restrain yourself. You should try to look at things from every angle before deciding on a course of action. Make yourself a little more approachable. Be benevolent.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Today you will feel a little more like your old self. Your personal situation will be more settled than it has been of late. You should try to ensure you do not expose yourself to infection. Be more lenient.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)

You will be able to move ahead with a matter that has been lagging. Whilst you should not be extravagant there is nothing to be gained by being mean either.

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You should take care not to allow yourself to be outwitted. You will be able to achieve good results also in your personal affairs. You should try to ensure your partner feels properly appreciated. Be a little less reticent.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

This is going to be an interesting day for you. You will have some things to be really pleased about but that is no reason to relax your efforts. You will be able to make good progress. Be cordial.

Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should make sure you do not allow your dreams to be mistaken for reality. You will find it easier to make up your mind between almost equally attractive alternatives.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)

A friend of yours will be very grateful to your patience and sympathy. You will be able to avail yourself of a good opportunity. You must ensure that your mechanical and electrical gadgets are properly maintained.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

You will have a good opportunity but you may not recognise it as such until it is too late. You will have to have your wits about you if you do not want others to get the better of you.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will be able to reach a better agreement with a neighbour with whom you have not been seeing eye to eye. You should not try to use force where persuasion has failed to achieve results.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

The Moon's influence will help you to keep your mind on things and to be more precise. You should not be quite so critical, but nor should you take too much for granted. You should try to restrain a tendency to spend lavishly.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will be able to make an important decision but should try to ensure you take all the relevant factors into account. You will be able to persuade others whose opinion you value to your own point of view.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

If you treat others as though they were fools they might end up making a fool of you. If you do not immediately find the solution to a problem do not despair: to the end you will and until then will be able to deal with it on a temporary basis.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Irving Bank agrees to merge with Bank of New York

NEW YORK, Oct 7, (Reuters): Irving Bank Corp today accepted an improved merger offer from its Manhattan rival Bank of New York Co Inc, writing the final chapter in one of the longest-running takeover sagas on Wall Street.

The takeover, at a price of \$1.47 billion, will create a new powerhouse money-centre bank at a time the industry is cutting costs to remain competitive.

An Irving spokesman said its board would vote on Friday on management's agreement to merge with Bank of New York.

If Irving's board accepts the recommendation of Irving chairman Joseph Rice, it will waive a New York state anti-takeover law, strike down its anti-takeover defences and end lawsuits it had brought.

Merger

Rice said he would retire once the merger was completed. No decision has been made on whether to retain the Irving name, a Bank of New York spokesman said.

Irving's energetic campaign to remain independent included rushing into the arms of Italian White Knight Banca Commerciale Italiana, which offered to buy a controlling stake in Irving. But the Milan-based institution withdrew its offer in August after the US Federal Reserve, which regulates bank holding companies, made a takeover more difficult.

Irving's independence effort was dealt a crushing blow on Tuesday when a New York State appeals court upheld a number of earlier rulings, including one that struck down part of Irving's poison pill, or anti-takeover defences.

Proposal

Under the new merger proposal, Bank of New York is offering for each Irving share 1.675 shares of Bank of New York, \$15 cash, and a warrant to purchase Bank of New York stock valued at \$5.

Irving said at the present market price of Bank of New York stock, the deal would have a value of \$78.42 for each share of Irving, or a total of about \$1.47 billion.

Roumi opposes emergency OPEC talks

KPC official sees further oil price drop

KUWAIT, Oct 7, (Agencies): A senior Kuwaiti oil official has predicted world oil prices will continue to fall unless OPEC deals with overproduction and other problems, but he opposed an emergency meeting of the 13-nation group.

Abdullah Al Roumi, executive assistant managing director for sales at the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), also called his country's output quota within the Organisation of Petroleum Countries (OPEC) unjust.

Increase

"Until now it (Kuwait) bears an unjust production quota that does not correspond to its production in the past, with its giant reserves or with its internal needs," he told the daily Al Anbaa in remarks published today.

He did not say what he thought Kuwait's quota should be, or if Kuwait would demand an increase at the next OPEC

meeting scheduled for Nov 21 in Vienna.

Kuwait now has a quota of 996,000 barrels per day (BPD), but a Reuters survey puts its actual September output at an average 1.6 million BPD.

OPEC production hikes have flooded the world market with oil and sent prices to more than \$8 below the group's official benchmark of \$18 a barrel, oil analysts say.

Roumi warned of a "tragedy" if winter in the main consuming countries did not spur demand for oil early next year.

"The world oil market is now heading for the unknown because of the behaviour of some producing countries inside the outside OPEC," he said.

Problems

"As long as problems in OPEC remain hanging... oil prices will continue to decline to levels below what they are now," he added.

The KPC official opposed a

recent call by Indonesia for an emergency meeting of OPEC before Nov 21.

"There are big problems, and an OPEC emergency meeting may not be beneficial in these circumstances," he said.

"It is better to prepare and clear the atmosphere before the next ordinary meeting of OPEC."

Survey

Kuwait is among eight OPEC states due to attend a key meeting of the group's price and long-term strategy committees later this month to prepare for the full meeting.

Roumi defined the group's main problems as setting a production ceiling and allocating quotas for each country including Iraq, and defining what crude oils and condensates count toward the quotas.

A Reuters survey found OPEC output in September totalled 20.6 million barrels per day (BPD) compared to self-imposed

ceiling of 15.06 million BPD excluding Iraq, which refused any quota less than that of its war foe Iran.

"A tragedy may occur in the first quarter of next year if the winter in the main consuming countries is not cold," Roumi was quoted as saying.

Asked about unspecified accusations against Kuwait, Roumi said, "We must not forget the great sacrifices Kuwait has made to defend the OPEC price." This was a reference to output cuts Kuwait has made in the past.

Producers

But Roumi said non-OPEC producers were also to blame. He accused them of "hitching a free ride on OPEC's back."

"Poor OPEC has always carried the burden of defending prices while other non-member states have increased their output," he said.

Indonesia on Wednesday warned it would break ranks with its

12 OPEC partners if the oil organisation failed "to put its own house in order" and to ensure that all members honour production quotas.

"We are against unilateral action, but there are limits to what we can take," Energy Minister Ginandjar Kartasasmita said, accusing most other OPEC members of flouting their OPEC-mandated production quotas. He refused to specify what steps were planned.

"Every country has the right to take action to defend its national interests," he insisted, alleging that widespread cheating on the organisation's production-restraint accord had brought the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to the brink of dissolution.

Indonesia is producing near its quota of 1.1 million barrels a day. The most populous OPEC member, it is dependent on oil and gas revenues for around half of all export earnings.

US business experts predict economy slowing over next 2 years

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Oct 7, (Reuters): America's business leaders today predicted the economy would slow significantly over the next two years, but not before completing a strong performance this year.

The semi-annual forecast of the Business Council, a group of chief executives of major US companies, is more optimistic than the projections of several private economists but less rosy than the longer-term outlook of the Reagan administration.

The council's report, a consensus view of about 20 corporate economists and chief financial officers, predicts a robust 3.1 per cent expansion of the economy for the year ended in the fourth quarter 1988, similar to the administration's 3.0 per cent forecast.

The Business Council is meeting in Hot Springs, a Shenandoah mountain resort.

The forecast, following an even stronger 5.0 per cent gain the previous year, was higher than the group's previous projec-

tion last May, mainly because of stronger than previously estimated growth in business investment and exports.

"The net message of the consultants is that we are living in a continual strong economy," Citicorp chairman John Reed, who oversaw the preparation of the report, told reporters.

While none of those surveyed expect a recession in the next nine months, opinions of the direction of the economy for late 1989 and beyond diverge widely, with some predicting a recession, but most expecting a "soft landing" of slower growth.

Slowdown

The consensus was for a slowdown in the growth of US gross national product to 2.5 per cent for the year ended with the fourth quarter of 1989 and a further declaration in the year after that to less than two per cent.

Expectations for a less dramatic improvement in the US trade deficit and slower growth in inventories and business invest-

ment were cited as the main reasons for the slowdown.

"It is simply an easing of the overall economic performance," Reed said.

The administration has predicted 3.3 per cent growth in each of the next two years but 90 per cent of the economists polled in a recent National Association of Business Economists survey expected a recession either next year or in 1990.

Predictions of a slowdown or recession have been rampant since last October's stock market crash, but the economy so far has stubbornly refused to oblige.

The economy is nearing its sixth consecutive year of growth. In the first half of this year it grew at a 3.2 per cent annual rate.

The council predicted that consumer spending, a key component of economic growth, would grow at a slower rate than earlier in the decade. But rising export demand and stronger investment by business in new equipment will take up the slack, it said.

Japan companies look to dig fortunes out of land shortage

TOKYO, Oct 7, (Reuters): Japan's construction companies are racing to go underground before planned government changes to restrict property rights to certain depths.

Under current legislation, property rights extend as high and as deep as land can be used. But the government plans to restrict, these rights so that land below building foundation levels would basically be owned in layers.

In the meantime, analysts said major construction companies were boosting research into deep underground construction with an eye on winning the initial battle for what analysts are predicting will be huge contracts.

Dimension

"Using the third dimension of overcrowded big cities has enormous potential," said a report by First Boston Inc., a US investment bank. "It saves money and work necessary to acquire land for new facilities." The Japan Civil Engineering Contractors Association has just

finished a feasibility study on moving the Yamanote Line, a major railway encircling the capital, down to a depth of 100 metres (330 feet).

The study showed that the move would free an area of some 103,000 square metres (1,109,000 square feet), allowing a staggering 24,000 more families to live in central Tokyo.

An association official said that figure applies even if buildings are constructed on only 30 per cent of the newly created area.

"Technologically, we are already capable of building such deep subways," the official said.

Underground structures are secure against earthquakes, have stable temperatures and humidity and clean air, said Atsushi Denda, an engineer at the Shimizu Corporation. They are also very quiet.

"Underground areas are not good for living in," he agreed. "But they can be ideal for traffic systems, storage, factories, and research centres."

World Business Summary

US inflation expected to hold at 4pc, says envoy

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 7, (Reuters): The US inflation rate is expected to remain in the four per cent range and fears about the impact of last October's stock market crash are unjustified, American Ambassador Lester Korn said on Wednesday. Addressing the General Assembly's Economic and Financial Committee, Korn said inflation in the developed countries would remain low while prices for most commodities had firmed. "In many respects, the US economy is making a major contribution to continued economic growth. We are in the 71st month of the longest peacetime expansion on record with the official forecast calling for real 1988 GNP (gross national product) growth of around 3.5 per cent. Earlier fears about the impact of last October's stock market decline proved to be unjustified. Despite the harshest US drought in 50 years, we expect US inflation to remain in the four per cent range," Korn said. American expansion was being sustained as the federal budget deficit was reduced. "The US has not achieved this positive record alone," he said. "To a large degree, our success has reflected the increased co-operation among the industrialised countries, developing countries and international institutions, all of which have a major role to play in the management of the world economy." Korn said the natural environment was critical to development and vital to global well-being. All governments must recognise that human activities and the wastes they produce have a potential to change the planet fundamentally and detrimentally, he said. Global environmental problems demand global co-operation to protect our common oceans and air, our forest and wetlands and the diversity of life that nurtures and sustains our world," Korn said. He said the United States would actively participate in a new UN-sponsored inter-governmental panel on climate change. Soviet Ambassador Aleksandr Belonogov said the environment called for immediate action as humanity and nature had evolved into a dangerous relationship.

US should rely less on imported oil, says Bush

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Oct 7, (Reuters): Vice-President George Bush said yesterday the United States should produce more oil and natural gas and rely less on energy imports from the Middle East. "The American energy industry is too important to our national security to have its economic underpinnings totally dependent on the political climate of the Middle East," he told a political rally in this oil-producing state. The Republican presidential nominee said he sympathised with the region, which has been hit by lower oil and gas prices. Bush worked for 18 years in the oil business, running and oil firm in Texas. "I keep an eye on the (oil) prices and this week's dip has been a tough one," he told the cheering crowd. Bush said US oil imports were climbing and would reach 10 million barrels per day by 1995, 60 per cent of consumption. "That is not an acceptable energy policy for the United States and I intend to change it," he said. He called for elimination of restrictions on fluctuations in natural gas prices and incentives to produce methanol, a by-product of wood that when used in cars produces less pollution than petrol. He said there should be tax incentives, primarily aimed at small, independent drillers, to reduce the cost of oil and gas exploration and production.

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AMSTRAD	209.0	LOWHRO	329/0
ARGYLL GP	168/0	LUCAS IND	585/0
ASDA	152.5	MAGNET	211/0
BAA GP	278.0	MARKS+SP	171/0
BTR	300/0	MAXWELL C	186/0
BD INDS	445.0	MC GROUP	265.0
BARCLAYS	421.0	NEC	556/0
BASS	793/0	NITOLAND BK	189.0
BEAZER	186.0	NEXT	210/0
BEECHMAN	475/0	NTH OFCS	286.0
BERTISFORD	406.0	P & O OFD	583/0
BICC PLC	398/0	PEARL	469/0
BLUE ARRW	90.0	PEARSON	757/0
BLUE CIRC	456/0	PILKINGTON	217.0
BOOD GP	421/0	PLESNEY	160/0
BOOTS CO	227.0	POLLY PEC	322.0
BPR INDS	264.0	RACAL	314/0
BR COMM	223.0	RANK HVS	380/0
BR AIRWAT	166.0	RANK ORG	718.0
BR AEROSP	487/4	RCKITT+CO	933/0
BR GAS RG	174.0	REDLAND	430.0
BR GAS HT	175.0	REED	414/0
BR LAND	344/0	RYL BK SC	346.0
B.P.	241/0	RMC GRP	498.0
B.P.P.	160/0	REUTERS	518.0
BR TELCOM	245.0	RIZ CORP.	445.0
BURTON GL	561/0	ROLI+ROY	136/4
BURTON	204.0	ROTHERMAN	442/0
CABLE&HRT	606/0	ROYAL INS	384/0
CARDUARYS	375/0	SACCHI	200.0
CCATS VIT	168/0	SAINSBURY	200.0
CCOM UNJ	349/3	SCOT+NEW	359.0
CCOS GOLD	305/0	SEARS	137.0
CCOSKONS	267/0	SEBENICK	233/0
COURTAULD	297/0	SHELL	963/0
COURTLEY	148.0	SIEBE	375.0
CIXONS	323.0	SLOUGH ES	313/0
CHENG CHINA	623/0	STD. CMART	535.0
CENTER OIL	525/0	STC	28.8
CHERRI BAKT	126/0	STORENSE	88.18
CHERRI	96.0	SUN ALLIA	004/0
CISIONS	253/0	TARMAC	243/0
CHEN ACCIO	169.0	TATE&LYLE	840.0
CHEN ELEC	892/0	TYLR WOODE	605/0
CHENADA	105/0	TESCO	142.0
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CHUNSON C	660/0	WELLCOE	519.0
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		WIMPEY GE	259/0
		WOOLWORTH	253/0

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

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AMER TS	358/0	358/0
B-ELECT	450/0	451/0
S-M.WLD	198/0	198/0
B KENT	73/4	72/0
N HLD	252/0	253/0
RONSON	124/0	123/0
ITONSON	31/4	31/0
WEST	326/0	327/0
EX WKRV	161/0	162/0
EXON	351/0	351/0
LD COLL	136/0	136/0
D IR B	256/0	256/0
L N	126/0	126/0
D PLINT	57/0	58/0
STANCE	842/0	840/0
PER DAY	48/0	48/0
IC	377/0	377/0
RT ST	131/4	132/0
SRSHAN	577/0	579/0
HLTHC	293/0	238/0
HLIA TV	197/0	197/0
BRACHER	83/0	85/0
LETARD	458/0	458/0
PLC	123/0	123/0
LET-LA	106/0	106/0
MOODS	291/0	291/0
T REED	370/0	370/0
SECS	270/0	270/0
EL PCL	75/0	75/0
M RUBB	71/0	71/0
MEJILL	185/0	186/0
LL LAL	450/0	450/0
LL SHI	77/0	78/0
RO (W)	229/4	230/0
K IRE	256/0	257/0
KER IT	76/0	76/0
DO	142/0	142/0
IT DEV	170/0	171/0
IES C	29/0	29/0
GROUP	174/0	175/0
B-LT	4/4	4/0
B BRID	9/4	10/0
TITIE J	149/0	150/0
IN GP	157/0	157/0
AVEN	53/4	54/0
WAT	243/0	243/0
DOESSE	208/0	208/0
OK HD	49/0	49/0
29/0	292/0	292/0
INT	117/0	117/0
GROUP	111/0	112/0
F SCO	347/0	346/0
LE 2	15/2	15/0
TT F	35/0	35/0
E MAS	237/0	236/0
INGTON	146/0	146/0
SHOP	598/0	600/0
HENR	390/0	393/0
BR VITA	230/0	
BRENT MC	128/0	
BRENT MKR	354/0	
BRION	160/0	
BRITAIN SE	170/0	
BRITANNIC	358/0	
BRINGTON E	345/0	
BRYANT GP	135/0	
BSS INTL	63/0	
BSS INTL	66/0	
BULLOUGH	465/0	
BULLMER HP	157/0	
CALENDONIA	358/0	
CALOR GRP	390/0	
CAMP ELEC	390/0	
CANFOR E	190/0	
CANNING T	211/0	
CANNON ST	256/0	
CAP RADIO	362/0	
CAROB	326/0	
CARDOK EH	166/0	
CARTON C	634/0	
CATER AL	328/0	
CATTLE ND	60/0	
CEINT	18/0	
CHART CITY	54/0	
CHAS PHRR	151/0	
CHARTERA	20/0	
CHAS CHUR	108/0	
CHLORIDE	52/4	
CHRISTIES	574/0	
CI GROUP	51/0	
CNTRL SEC	53/4	
CNTRL OIL	166/0	
COATES BR	309/0	
COLLINS A	456/0	
COLLINS W	538/0	
COLOROLL	169/0	
CONNELLS	245/0	
COSTAIN	325/0	
COURT FR	219/0	
COMTS (T)	134/0	
CRI	135/0	
CRODA INT	191/0	
CROSTATAL	196/0	
CTRY PROP	25/4	
DARES EST	59/0	
DAVIS COD	159/0	
DAVY CORP	151/0	
DE LA RUE	480/0	
DELTA GRP	285/0	
DEVENISH	306/0	
DEWHIRST	41/0	
DIBSONA	220/0	
DOUGLAS PK	92/4	
DOUGLAS R	292/0	
DOWDINGEM	59/0	
DONTY GRP	220/0	
DRAYTON C	460/0	
ERG	497/0	
OLKEMISTR	72/0	
DUNDEE LD	290/0	
DUNNILL	208/0	

0	NESTAIR	319
0	HEYWOOD W	286
4	HICKSN IH	229
0	HIGGS MI	353

0	HMRO CTT	73/0	73/0	SCAR. HEDG
0	HMRB ZPD	234/0	235/0	SCOT HER
0	HNTR SPRH	179/0	180/0	SCOT I.T.
0	HOLMES PR	113/0	112/0	SCOT MCR
0	HOADEN GP	121/0	122/0	SCOT. AN.
0	HPOKINSON	109/0	110/0	SCY NAT
0	HYC GROUP	248/0	250/0	SCY NAT
0	ICE.FZ.FD	346/0	346/0	SCY NAT
0	IMRY H.O.V	375/0	376/0	SECS TST
0	INDMPT W	12/0	12/0	SEMA GRP
0	INT. BU. CH	119/0	119/0	SHERATON
0	INT. CITYT	132/0	133/0	SIMON ENR
0	INVERGORD	353/0	353/0	SINGER&F
0	JOSNS&FIR	44/0	44/0	SMITH O
0	JHS HDGS	161/0	163/0	SOUND OI
0	KALANAZOO	51/0	51/0	SPRING RA
0	KALON GRP	33/0	33/0	SPRG-SAR
0	KELT ENY	39/0	39/0	ST. ANDREW
0	KETSON	78/0	78/0	STAKIS
0	KLART O'S	132/0	133/0	STEETLEY
0	KWIK SAVE	346/0	346/0	STERNED PJ
0	KWIK-FIT	107/0	108/0	STORMJUAL
0	LING 44'	310/0	311/0	STURGE HM
0	LAING CO	310/0	311/0	SUTER
0	LAWING PRP	252/0	253/0	TELEMETR
0	LATRD GRP	260/0	261/0	TELEMETR
0	LAUNDLEIS	353/0	353/0	TEMPLE &
0	LAUNDWE V	148/0	148/0	THAMES T
0	LDN & MET	171/0	172/0	THERMAL
0	LDN INTL	219/0	220/0	THOMSON
0	LDN SHOP	246/0	246/0	THORNTON
0	LDN UTD	134/0	130/0	THROGHTN
0	LDN&EDIN	137/0	137/0	TIE GROUP
0	LEX SERVC	384/0	384/0	TI RACK
0	LIFE SCIE	54/0	54/0	TIME PROC
0	LILLEY FJ	50/4	51/0	TOWKINS J
0	LIT	147/0	147/0	TOOTAL
0	LLOYD TNP	208/0	210/0	TOZER KM
0	LOCAL LDN	548/0	548/0	TR CITY
0	LOGICA	353/0	355/0	TR INDUST
0	LOM (BON)	640/0	642/0	TR PACIFIC
0	LOWBROW	216/0	217/0	TR PROPTY
0	LOWDES	81/0	82/0	TR TRISTEE
0	M&G GROUP	343/0	344/0	TRAVIS&AC
0	M.C.PACIF	162/0	163/0	TRINCOED
0	HACARTY	224/0	224/0	TRIPLEXX
0	HA	89/0	89/0	TRIPLEX
0	HAEJIDE	208/0	209/0	TRSPRT OVD
0	HANDERS	197/0	197/0	TV SU MLD
0	HARICATH	72/0	73/0	TVS ENR
0	HARLEY	164/0	165/0	U-BORLAND
0	HATTMENS	88/0	89/0	U-BRD ST
0	HMAUNDERS	106/0	106/0	U-BROADW
0	MCCKENHIE	327/0	327/0	U-CIFER
0	MEMEC	215/0	214/0	U-CITYSVN
0	MEINZIS	294/0	295/0	U-DEMEY W
0	MERCIN, TST	150/0	151/0	U-DURHAM
0	MERLIN IN	120/0	120/0	U-ELDRIGE
0	METAL CLS	186/0	187/0	U-EXPLAUR
0	METALRAX	85/0	86/0	U-FIELDS
0	MEYER INT	384/0	386/0	U-FLOYD E
0	MIDSLUMER	178/0	179/0	U-FRD SEL
0	ML HDGSS	117/0	118/0	U-HND PT

8/0 49/0
9/0 118/0
13/0 795/0

5/0	25/0	NAME	OPEN	MID-O	DAY
5/0	185/0	A BSCH COM	32/0	31/7	
5/0	130/0	ATLANTIC R	77/6	77/1	
2/4	132/0	AAR CORP	26/3	26/3	
4/0	104/0	ABBOTT LAB	45/7	45/6	
4/0	94/4	ACME CLVD	9/0	8/7	
3/0	28/0	ADV MICRO	8/7	8/6	
3/0	90/4	AEROFIL LAB	7/1	7/0	
5/4	5/0	AETNA LIFE	51/0	51/0	
3/4	103/0	ARMANSON	17/4	17/2	
1/0	301/0	AIR PR-CHN	42/0	42/1	
5/0	76/0	ALASKA AIR	22/2	22/2	
2/0	282/0	ALBERTSONS	38/0	37/7	
2/0	73/0	ALPHA 8-16	0	83/0	
2/0	323/0	ALCAN ALUM	31/4	31/1	
6/0	26/0	ALCO STAND	25/3	25/2	
9/0	189/0	AN CYNAMIO	50/4	50/0	
5/0	184/0	AM ELET PM	27/0	26/7	
2/0	103/0	AM HOM PRO	80/5	79/7	
2/0	332/0	AM HOM PRO	79/3	79/7	
8/0	147/0	AM STANDARD	0	77/7	
5/4	13/4	AM STORES	56/6	56/4	
8/0	228/0	AM TEL-TEP	26/3	26/3	
0/0	191/0	AMOCO CORP	73/4	73/0	
5/0	53/0	AMP INC	41/4	41/3	
2/0	202/0	AMOCO PITT	47/0	47/0	
7/0	20/0	AMR CORP	48/6	48/0	
1/0	390/0	AMR GEN CO	33/7	33/7	
3/0	213/0	AMERADA NE	26/6	26/7	
0/0	80/0	ANTHEM ELE	10/4	10/3	
8/0	182/0	APACHE CP	6/6	6/7	
5/4	396/0	APACHE PET	2/2	2/2	
6/0	363/0	ARMSTRONG	36/2	36/2	
0/0	215/0	ASHLIND OIL	33/6	33/4	
0/0	218/0	ASIA PACIF	5/7	6/0	
0/0	99/0	ATLS CORP	39/3	39/3	
0/0	97/0	AVERT INT	22/6	22/5	
5/4	75/0	AVNET INC	20/0	20/2	
5.5	129.5	AVON PRODS	25/0	24/1	
0/0	52/4	BETH STEEL	21/1	21/1	
2/4	54/0	BEVERLY	5/6	6/0	
2/4	133/0	BK BOSTON	27/2	27/3	
0	600.0	BK BOSTN-A	0	43/4	
0/0	44/4	BK N-YORK	0	34/7	
0/0	186/0	BKAMERICA	38/1	37/7	
0/0	146/0	BKAMC SPAC	16/0	16/0	
0/0	22/0	BOEING CO	0	6/7	
0/0	29/0	BOISE CASQ	64/3	64/2	
0/0	299/0	BND IN GLD	8/1	8/1	
0/0	100/0	BORDEN	55/0	54/7	
7/0	37/0	BR WATER	29/4	29/4	
0/0	185/0	BR TELECOM	41/6	41/2	
0/0	8/0	BRIGGS-STR	31/0	31/0	
0/0	86/0	BRIST-MYER	44/2	44/0	
0/0	126/0	BRUNSWICK	19/7	19/2	
0/0	58/0	BURBURY CP	16/4	16/6	
0/0	565/0	C 3 INC	12/2	12/2	
0/0	46/0	CABOT CORP	38/7	38/7	
0/0	51/0	CAESARS MO	26/4	26/2	
0/0	21/0	CAS FREIGHT	26/4	26/5	
0/0	98/0	CAS NAT GS	14/6	15/0	
0/0	228/0	CAT-DOCKE	26/7	26/7	

INSTR	27/0	2
MILLS	53/0	5
MOTORS	74/5	7
SIGNAL	15/1	1

PORTER	20/1	20/0	NEW ENG EL	2
ETECH	16/6	16/6	NEW PLA RE	1
UINE PA	38/2	38/0	NEWELL CO	2
PT-80	0	74/1	NEWMAST HI	3
RG-I-PAC	35/7	35/3	NEWMAST GLD	3
R FI CL	2/7	2/7	NI MOH6-10	
BAL MAR	.09	.09	NI MOH7-72	
DENB NUG	15/1	15/2	NICOLET IN	1
DRICH	57/4	57/1	NICOR INC	3
DRLEN	54/2	54/0	HI INDS	
LD INC	22/7	23/0	MOBLE AFF	1
CE MR	25/7	25/6	NORD RESOU	
INGER	55/4	55/4	NORTMROP	3
YOUNG	36/2	36/0	NORTON	
MMAN	22/7	22/6	NOVO IND	
F RES-C	13/4	13/4	NUCOR CORP	4
YR-MESTN	39/3	39/2	QAK INDS	
YLBURTH	25/4	25/3	QCC PETRAC	2
WOOD	16/0	16/1	OCEAN DRIL	1
VA MIN	28/7	28/5	ODGEN CORP	
PT RIS CP	27/3	27/3	OI ED CO	
MARK	28/4	28/2	OLMO HATT	
IZ HJ	48/6	47/0	OLIN CORP	
CURTIS	38/5	38/3	OMNICARE	
1-PAYNTE	21/0	20/7	ORION PICT	1
PACK	46/3	46/1	PAINE WEB	1
PUCK	49/4	49/2	PAN AN	
DEL CP	39/2	38/5	PANHANDLE	
BERNARD	30/0	29/7	PARK ELECT	1
ND	35/3	35/3	PARKER DR	
N HTLS	51/5	51/3	PARKER MAN	2
ENGR	117/4	115/2	PATRICK PET	5
KE NIN	14/4	13/5	PAYLESS CSN	2
HARWIN	16/5	16/5	PC INDS-36	
DAY C	26/4	26/0	PENIX CENTR	
DEPOT	29/0	27/5	PENNAUT	2
FED S	24/5	24/4	PENNMILL	7
VA MSTR	150/2	148/1	PERKINS EN	1
MYELL	64/0	63/7	PESPICO	
TION NI	39/0	39/1	PEZIFER	5
TON IN	29/3	29/4	PHILIPS DOD	4
ES SUP	17/3	17/4	PHILIP MOR	93
NA INC	25/6	25/4	PHILLIPS PE	1
	115/2	114/0	PILLSBURY	57
INDUST	36/7	37/1	PINNAKLE W	22
PHARMA	6/6	6/6	PITH-BOUES	45
HAIR CO	19/1	19/0	PITTSOON	19
LTD	30/4	30/4	POLAROID	34
GROW	9/2	9/0	PORTLAND GE	14
PILOT	35/3	35/1	PRIME COMP	21
PT-8-5	0	81/0	PRIME INNS	34
IN CON	35/2	35/1	PRIMERICA	28
INNS-JNS	86/1	85/7	PROCT-GAMB	191
IT CP	38/0	37/4	PUGET SP-L	81
ER ALM	18/7	18/6	PUKE NOME	8
1-P-L	29/7	29/6	QUAKER OAT	56
1-P-L	22/2	22/2	QUAKER COR	201
MOORE	62/3	62/3	QUANTUM CH	10
INGEE	37/2	37/0	RALS PURIN	90
NOME	18/2	18/4	RAMADA INN	8
CLARK	61/1	60/7	RANGER OIL	5
O AI	18/0	17/7	RATCHEN	42
O NNS	42/6	42/6		

29/0	SEAGULL E
16/4	SEALED AI
2/4	SEARS ROE
56/3	SERV CORP

13/5	SA STH PAC	19/6	19/6
24/7	SHRSM MUTT	20/7	20/5
25/1	SHELL TRAN	66/3	66/1
35/2	SNELL PLOU	55/4	54/6
33/4	SMITH INT	8/1	8/1
60/0	SMITHK BEC	48/0	46/7
77/1	SNAP ON TL	35/0	34/6
11/0	SOURCE CAP	37/2	37/2
31/1	SOUTHERN	22/0	21/7
5/6	SPAIN FUND	9/4	9/4
12/3	SPEKRT	11/5	11/6
9/1	SQUARE O	51/0	50/7
31/4	SQUIBB		
47/7	STONE CONT	34/3	34/2
47/7	SUN CO	56/2	56/2
41/7	SUNSTRAND	53/0	53/0
1/0	SUNSH VIN	3/6	3/5
25/2	SUPER VAL	24/3	24/5
14/3	SOUTHWEST	17/4	17/3
31/4	SN GAS	21/4	21/3
18/6	SIM BELL	40/0	39/7
13/3	TAMODY CORP	41/7	41/5
47/4	TDK	63/0	61/7
8/1	TECO ENERG	24/0	23/6
15/0	TEKTRONIX	21/2	21/3
17/2	TELETYPE	330/0	329/6
2/5	TELEX CORP	0	49/0
25/1	TERADTNE	13/7	13/5
17/1	TESORO PET	11/5	11/5
5/7	TEX AMER B	*14	*12
29/2	TEX EAS TR	25/5	25/5
4/3	TEXACO	44/1	44/1
26/7	TEXAS IND	35/0	35/0
88/0	TEXAS INST	39/6	39/5
22/5	TEKTRON	26/0	26/0
95/7	THOMPS MED	21/6	21/5
73/2	TIDGATER	6/6	6/6
18/7	TIGER INT	14/1	14/0
38/5	TIMKEN	31/2	31/2
55/4	TORCHMARK	31/1	31/5
43/5	TOSCO	3/3	3/3
97/0	TOYS R US	38/5	38/3
19/2	TRANSAMER	35/0	34/7
57/4	TRANSCO EN	33/0	33/0
22/3	TRANSCO EX	6/1	6/1
42/5	TRAVELLERS	35/4	35/2
14/3	TRIMITY IN	30/5	30/3
38/5	TYL CORP	24/5	24/5
13/3	TRANSILKRD	34/3	34/4
21/1	UAL CORP	96/7	96/5
14/3	UTO BRAND	17/3	17/3
34/2	UTO TECH	41/2	41/3
28/2	UNILEVER	54/7	54/3
79/6	UNION CAMP	33/6	33/4
19/4	UNION CARB	25/7	25/7
8/3	US SHOE	27/3	27/4
56/0	USX CP	27/4	27/4
19/7	US WEST	58/0	57/7
01/2	U S	39/2	39/0
80/0	VALERO EN	8/3	8/4
9/3	VALLLEY IND	2/2	2/2
5/4	VARCO INTL	3/1	3/2
42/4	VANIAN ASS	27/0	26/7

World Indices

TEST	1/PREV-DAY5/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
0.4	1477.5	1471.7	1476.5
0	1037.9	1031.8	1030.5
0	952.83	946.81	946.27
0	88.39	88.10	87.92
0	174.2	173.0	171.6
0	582.03	585.50	596.93
0	1751.1	1743.6	1765.2
0	125.48	125.93	125.62
0	109.85	109.72	110.62
0	115.34	115.18	116.01

London Stock Market Report

U.K. SHARES STEADY BUT OFF HIGHS IN LATE AFTERNOON
LONDON, OCT. 7, REUTER. - LASHMO SHARES WERE STEADY NEAR THURSDAY'S
CLOSING LEVELS. LONDON FELL OFF ON NY'S PEAKS AS WALL STREET
FALTERED AFTER A HIGHER OPENING ON NEWS OF A SMALLER THAN
EXPECTED U.S. SEPTEMBER JOBS RISE, DEALERS SAID.
LASHMO FEATURED WITH A TURNOVER OF 110 MILL SHARES BT 1429
GMT, FOLLOWING NEWS RTZ PLACED ITS 28 PCT STAKE IN LASHMO WITH
INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS. RTZ SAID THE STAKE WAS SOLD FOR 259 MT
STG, YIELDING A PROFIT OF 113 MILL STG. LASHMO SHARES WERE DOWN
30P TO 521 AFTER THE STAKE SALE.
THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX AT 1434 GMT WAS UP 0.6 POINTS TO
1,839.4, AFTER A HIGH ON THE DAT OF 1,845.7 AT 1349 GMT.
DEALERS SAID THE FALL IN LASHMO'S SHARE PRICE REFLECTED THE
PLACING OF LARGE BLOCKS OF THE NTZ STAKE AT 500P AND 505P PER
SHARE. RTZ'S ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION PREVENTED IT FROM SELLING
MORE THAN FIVE PCT OF LASHMO TO A SINGLE BUYER.
STOCK DEALERS AND ANALYSTS SAY LASHMO REMAINS A POSSIBLE BID
TARGET, WITH BRITISH GAS AS THE MOST LIKELY PREDATOR
FOLLOWING ITS MIO-SEPTEMBER DAWN RISE.
THE BRITISH GAS RBD, WHICH NETTED 1.14 PCT OF LASHMO, WAS
LARGELY THWARTED BY LASHMO'S SOARING SHARE PRICE BUT MAYN STILL
EXPECT BRITISH GAS TO RETURN WITH A FULL B10. ENTERPRISE DIL,
AROUND 25 PCT OWNED BY LASHMO, WAS DOWN 16P TO 61S.

London Gold

LONDON: OCT 7, REUTERS - GOLD BULLION PRICES HELD WELL ABOVE 400 DLS AN OUNCE IN QUIET AFTERNOON TRADING, UNDERPINNED BY THE CONTINUED RECOVERY IN CRUDE OIL PRICES AND CONSTRUCTIVE CHARTS, DEALERS SAID.

GOLD WAS FIXED IN THE AFTERNOON AT 403.90 DLS AN OUNCE, DOWN FROM THE MORNING FIX OF 404.25 BUT ABOVE THE PREVIOUS CLOSE OF 404.40.

DEALERS SAID PRICES WERE STRUGGLING TO ADVANCE FURTHER, BUT SENTIMENT WAS MORE POSITIVE AFTER YESTERDAY'S RALLY TOOK PRICES ABOVE 400 DLS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWO WEEKS. "THE MARKET IS WELL SUPPORTED AT 403.00 DLS", ONE SAID.

London Money Market

LONDON, OCT 7, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES ENDED A MUCH AS 1/8 POINT LOWER BUT TRADERS SAID THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE INCREASE IN VOLUME FROM THE MORNING AND THE MARKET REMAINED ESSENTIALLY DIRECTIONLESS.

MEMS THAT U.S. NON-FARM PAYROLLS ROSE BY A LOWER THAN EXPECTED 255,000 IN SEPTEMBER AGAINST EXPECTATIONS OF A GAIN OF 290,000 HURT THE DOLLAR AND THIS AIDED STERLING.

IN LATER TRADING, THE POUND, WHICH HAD EARLIER BEEN LARGELY SIDELINED, WAS BELOW ITS EARLIER HIGHS AND STOOD JUST 0.1 NIGNE IN TRADE-WEIGHTED TERMS AT 75.9 AFTER TOUCHING 76.1 EARLIER. THE KEY THREE-MONTH INTERBANK RATE WAS 3/16 SOFTER AT 12.11-7/8 PCT

Foreign Exchange

	OLR	STG	DNK	FFR	
DLR	1.6950/60	1.7000/10	1.8595/00	6.3375/90	NOON
STG	1.8636/8716	3.157/171	3.1610/45	10.7700/7815	OPEN
FFR	6.3300/3510	10.7800/980	340.46/41.10	29.265/425	NOON
DNK	1.5850/5860	2.6850/6883	84.88-98		FIX
FFR	2.1035	3.5635	112.74	24.92-94	1300
ECU	1.11511	.655640	2.07411	33.085	FIX
SDR	1.29758	0.765895	2.14648	7.06814	CLS
YEN	133.50/60	226.26/60		8.23509	CLS
SDR RATES		06/10/1988	OTHERS	07/10/1988	NOON

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST.	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	229.1	298.4	301.4	259.3
AUSTRIA	222.0	222.0	226.7	207.0
BELGIUM	408.9	411.5	412.8	360.2
CANADA	362.0	358.3	357.1	350.7
DENMARK	465.7	465.4	467.0	464.5
FRANCE	400.1	399.8	399.4	396.1
GERMANY	196.1	195.5	194.4	195.6
HONG KONG	1804.1	1796.2	1797.9	1812.7
FINLAND	112.1	112.1	111.9	112.1
ITALY	444.5	444.9	442.8	439.5
JAPAN	1253.8	1268.8	1278.7	1289.0
NETHERLNDs	257.3	257.3	257.0	260.1
NEW ZEAL	95.0	95.0	104.8	93.9
NORWAY	489.7	491.4	486.0	493.4
SPAIN	554.5	544.5	570.7	537.0
SPAIN	251.4	25.0	25.7	25.0
SWEDEN	978.6	969.7	967.0	960.4
SWITZ	164.7	163.9	163.4	163.6
U.K.	555.4	551.2	545.4	551.2
U.S.A.	250.6	250.1	249.1	250.6
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WICKES	11 3/8	- 1	1/8	DANSON OIL	17 1/16	+	1/32
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Wall Street Market Buzz

NEW YORK, Oct. 7, (Reuter): Wall Street stocks continued higher and held much of their early gains. The blue chips gave some ground to profit-takers when early buying let up, said S.G. Warburg senior trader Ken Ducey. But he said the set back was small and he expected another rally attempt later.

Analysts agreed that stocks rose with bonds on a smaller than expected gain in September jobs, the first significant economic data for the month. They said it showed economic expansion was not overheating for the month. ahead 10 at 2118 and gaining issues led decliners by two-to-one. The Dow earlier hit a high of 2124. Trading was moderately active.

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John, in Lila

Oil prices little changed

Dollar holds steady on US jobs data

LONDON, Oct. 7. (Reuters): The dollar recovered in Europe today after dipping slightly on news that the number of Americans out of work fell last month.

Wall Street shares were higher at midday with analysts saying the September employment data showed the US economy was not overheating. The figures showed employers hired fewer new workers than currency markets had expected.

Stocks markets in Zurich and Frankfurt reached 1988 highs. Gold remained steady while oil was slightly up in thin trade.

Steady
On European currency markets, the dollar held steady with some dealers predicting a gradual drift down in the run-up to the release of US trade data next Thursday. It closed in London today at 1.8611 West German marks and 133.25 Japanese yen compared with 1.8640 and 133.50 on Thursday.

By noon in New York, the Dow Jones industrial average was 24.01 points up at 2131.76 in moderate trading.

Gold bullion was fixed at \$403.90 an ounce in London this afternoon, down slightly from the morning price fix of 404.25. Dealers said prices were struggling to advance further after

Thursday's rally took bullion above \$400 an ounce for the first time in two weeks.

A Gulf Co-operation Council meeting set for October 16 will bring together six Gulf OPEC members and will be followed by a joint meeting of OPEC's five-member price panel and six-member long term strategy committee.

Prices
In Europe, prices edged up slightly on technical buying ahead of the weekend, but prices eased back in late afternoon.

Towards the European close, North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded crude on international markets, was quoted around \$11.35 a barrel for prompt delivery, up five cents from Thursday.

The leading US grade, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) was up 15 cents at \$12.75 and the key mid-east crude, Dubai, held unchanged at \$9.25.

In London shares were steady near Thursday's closing levels. Prices fell from day's peaks as Wall Street faltered after a higher opening on news of a smaller than expected US September jobs rise, dealers said.

Lasmo featured with a turnover of 110 million shares by 1429 GMT, following news RTZ

placed its 28 per cent stake in Lasmo with institutional investors. RTZ said the stake was sold for £113 million, yielding a profit of £113 million. Lasmo shares were down 30p to 521 after the stake sale.

The FTSE 100 share index at 1434 GMT was up 0.6 points to 1,845.7 at 1349 GMT.

Fall
Dealers said the fall in Lasmo's share price reflected the placing of large blocks of the RTZ stake at 500p and 505p per share. RTZ's articles of association prevented it from selling more than five per cent of Lasmo to a single buyer.

But dealers and analysts say Lasmo remains a possible bid target, with British Gas seen as the most likely predator following its mid-September down raid.

The British Gas raid, which netted 1.14 per cent of Lasmo, was largely thwarted by Lasmo's soaring share price but many still expect British Gas to return with a full bid. Enterprise Oil, around 25 per cent owned by Lasmo, was down 16p to 618.

Analysts said the large, dispersed stake in Lasmo could now be in the hands of institutions which would not be adverse to making a speculative gain by selling on the

shares to a bidder at well above the 500p to 505p paid today.

One dealer said: "It would be a good time to launch a bid for Lasmo at say 600p per share. If I were an institution which had just bought at 500p I'd accept like a shot."

Last month Lasmo said it would auction its 25 per cent stake in Enterprise. This announcement followed the British Gas down raid on Lasmo which some analysts thought might have been aimed at picking up the stake in Enterprise.

English China Clays, a long-rumoured potential RTZ bid target, rose strongly today to close 14p higher at 524. Dealers said there was talk RTZ would use cash from its Lasmo stake sale to make a full bid for ECC or Engineer Delta, up 14p to 299.

Brewers with big domestic sales through tied Licensed Premises saw their shares ease after press reports that the Monopolies Commission (MC) would either not allow brewers to own Licensed Premises or that their ownership would be restricted.

The MC is investigating the supply of beer for retail sale on Licensed Premises and dealers expect a report early in the new year. Whitbread lost 2p to 296

while Bass shed 9p to 793.

Hotel and drinks group Grand Metropolitan, which has made a \$5.23 billion bid for US food and retailing company Pillsbury, dipped a penny to 451.

Higher
Consolidated Gold Fields was a net 24p higher at 1,303 after reaching 1,310 amid speculation that Minorco's 1,306p per share bid might succeed. This speculation follows news that the two companies had had merger talks as long ago as 1986. Minorco was unchanged in London at 1,112 US cents after 1,088.

Reckitt and Colman showed renewed strength, rising 12p to 937, but dealers said this reflected low volume speculative demand squeezing the price higher amid stock shortages.

By the 1600 GMT official close, the FTSE 100 share index had recovered to stand 5.8 points higher at 1,844.7, regaining much of the ground lost during the afternoon as the Dow Jones industrial average rallied to stand 22 points up at around the same time.

Among the leaders, Commercial Union was up 8p to 349. Cable and Wireless put on 12p to 405 and ICI 3p to 1,037 but Glaxo eased a penny to 1,104 and Wellcome dipped 2p to 519.

Maghreb pipeline could ease Europe's reliance on Soviet gas

RABAT, Oct. 7. (Reuters): King Hassan of Morocco says a planned multi-million dollar gas pipeline from Algeria to Spain across Morocco will ease Europe's energy reliance on the Soviet Union.

He also forecasts the project, the first fruit of an Algerian-Moroccan rapprochement, four months ago after a 12-year-old rift over the western Sahara conflict, would give Algeria more clout in Europe.

The European Economic Community's Commissioner for Mediterranean Affairs, Claude Cheysson, has described the project, which was approved in Rabat in September, as a profitable venture with no financing problems.

No costs were announced for the pipeline, which will be built by a joint Algerian-Moroccan firm. It will be fed by Algeria's Hassi R'Mel fields which now supply fuel through the 2,500-km (1,550-mile) transmed pipeline across Tunisia and under the Mediterranean to Sicily.

Largest
The Natural Gas Fields, 400 km (250 miles) south of Algiers, are regarded as among the largest in the world, with estimated reserves of 2,300,000 million cubic metres (80,500,000 million cubic feet) of natural gas.

Although King Hassan has spoken about the benefits of the project, it may have suffered a political setback when Moroccan troops and Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas in the Sahara clashed on the day the accord for the pipeline was signed.

"This wasn't a good start to economic co-operation," a diplomat said in a reference to the September 16 battle in which 270 people were killed or wounded on both sides.

There are no indications yet that the fighting could prompt Algeria and Morocco, which were brought together by economic necessities, to abandon the project. But neither government has given details of when the pipeline will become operational.

King Hassan, who spoke strongly on behalf of the pipeline a few days before the accord on it was reached, said it could feed into a European gas grid.

Status
"If we could deliver gas to Spain, Algeria would gain a special status in Europe which in turn would win some independence from the Soviet Union for gas supplies," he told senior Algerian journalists.

"It would enable Europe to breathe a little more," he added.

The Soviet Union last year sold about 40 billion cubic metres (141.2 billion cubic feet) of natural gas to West Germany, Italy, France, Austria and Finland, 6.4 per cent more than in the previous year, figures from Western sources show.

To offset falls in oil export revenues, the Soviet Union plans to increase natural gas output to 850 billion cubic metres (30,000 billion cubic feet) by 1990 from 724 billion cubic metres (25,568 billion cubic feet) last year.

Problems
Algeria, facing similar problems over oil income, has this year concluded natural gas contracts with Yugoslavia, Turkey, Italy, France, Britain, Greece, Spain and the United States.

The new pipeline would boost natural gas exports by Algeria, already among the world's four biggest producers.

Last year, its output rose 17.4 per cent to 94 billion cubic metres (3,290 billion cubic feet). Morocco, which relies on imported crude, is expected to earn transit fees from the pipeline. Energy experts also say it will buy about two billion cubic metres (70 billion cubic feet) of Algerian natural gas annually by the year 2000 from virtually none now.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Oct. 7. Australian stocks closed higher as firmer gold bullion prices sparked enthusiasm for leading gold and resource stocks. The All Ordinaries rose 8.7 to 1,525.1.

TOKYO: Share prices ended the day higher on a last-minute buying surge after staying on the minus side through most of the day. The Nikkei index rose 85.93 to 2,728.27.

HONG KONG: Prices closed higher amid the heaviest turnover brokers have seen in more than a month. The Hang Seng index rose 51.83 to 2,478.87.

SINGAPORE: Prices continued their recovery from recent lows despite some selling at higher levels in quiet trading. The Straits Times industrial index rose 5.53 to 1,003.27.

BOMBAY: Share prices closed mixed after the market opened sharply higher on fresh buying by state-owned financial institutions. Investor support faltered towards the close as speculators sought to book quick gains.

FRANKFURT: Shares closed just off a new Dax index high for the year in brisk trading, supported by optimism about corporate earnings and increasing foreign demand. The index rose 7.73 to 1,269.36.

ZURICH: Shares closed higher in fairly active trading, helped by a steady overnight close on Wall Street and a stable dollar. The Swiss index rose six to 922, a high for the year.

PARIS: Prices were steady but off their highs at the start of the floor session. Blue chips were mostly lower but the trend was buoyed by active buying of privatised bank shares.

NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks continued higher in mid-morning trading and held much of their early gains. The Dow was up to 10 at 2,118.

Sheikh Salem for Tokyo

GOVERNOR of the Central Bank of Kuwait Sheikh Salem Abdel Aziz Al Sabah today leaves for Tokyo, heading Kuwait's delegation to the 5th World Conference on Banking Supervision.

The governor told KUNA the conference, to be held in Tokyo between Oct 12 and 14 will discuss a wide range of topics related to central banks.

Sheikh Salem said he will address the conference on behalf of Arab Gulf central banks and monetary institutions on the criteria of banks' capital sufficiency and assets classifications.

Duffy discusses Kuwaiti investments

KUWAIT, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Australian Trade Negotiations Minister Michael Duffy discussed taxation and other problems facing Kuwaiti investment in his country on Thursday with Kuwaiti Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al Khoraifi.

The Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) quoted Duffy as saying Australia sought to increase the size of Kuwaiti investments and would study the issues raised.

Duffy also discussed Australian meat exports to Kuwait and imports of Kuwaiti refined oil products during talks with the trade and oil ministers, KUNA said.

OPEC likely to raise quota ceiling

NEW YORK, Oct. 7. (Reuters): OPEC members, facing rising output and a free-fall in oil prices, may have to consider the unusual step of raising assigned quotas in order to bring down actual production, according to US oil industry analysts.

OPEC may have to take this ordinarily price-depressing step in order to re-establish its credibility and stop the year-long decline in oil prices that has accelerated of late.

In January the US benchmark crude was trading at \$18 a barrel, which remains OPEC's supposed target. On Tuesday the November crude oil futures contract dropped as low as \$12.28 a barrel, the lowest level since prices dipped below the 10-dollar mark in 1986.

"OPEC is at a critical juncture," Rahi Abu Khadra, oil analyst with the Centre for Strategic and International

Studies in Washington, said yesterday.

"Recent high levels of over-production and cheating on official prices mocks their current system for \$18 a barrel oil."

Over-production may in fact be a strategic attempt by some Gulf members to gain leverage so they can be granted higher quotas at the next OPEC ministerial meeting on November 21, industry experts said.

Analysts suggested OPEC might re-establish some control over oil prices by creating a new quota system to include Iraq, and also raise quotas for certain members.

By raising quotas nearer to the levels members are actually pumping, the organisation may be able to convince some over-producers that it is time to bring oil output into line.

"OPEC will have to come up

with a new system, a reapportionment of quotas, leading to a higher production ceiling, if they are to stabilise the market," Abu Khadra said.

"Ultimately, OPEC will have to increase their (overall) ceiling to bring production down," said Vahan Zanooyan, senior director of the Petroleum Finance Co Ltd. "Current quotas are too low and actual production is too high, which should lead to some new level in the middle."

Survey

According to a recent Reuters survey, OPEC's total production in September, excluding Iraq and the neutral zone, was 17.5 million barrels per day, well above its 15.06-million official ceiling. The survey also showed 10 of OPEC's 13 members were producing above quota.

"OPEC will have to realign quotas for there to be a positive

rally in this market," said Paul Ting, an analyst with Oppenheimer Inc.

Iraq and Iran are also demanding higher quotas to help repair their war-torn economies. OPEC will have to assign a quota to Iraq, which has rejected any output ceiling for nearly two years during its protracted war with Iran.

System

Bringing Iraq back into the quota system would give OPEC more credibility in the world's eyes and might avoid a plunge in oil prices below \$10, analysts said.

Analysts said the realignment of quotas might give Iran and Iraq each a quota of about 2.7 million barrels per day. Iraq is believed by most analysts to be pumping about 2.7 million barrels per day, while Iran's estimated output is just above its quota of 2.369 million.

British Steel to be sold off next month

LONDON, Oct. 7. (AP): The government said yesterday it will sell state-owned British Steel Co. to the public in late November as planned, at a price to be disclosed later.

Analysts said they expect the sale to raise £2 billion.

It will be the first privatisation since the disastrous sell-off of the government's one-third stake in British Petroleum Co. Plc, which coincided with fall's stock market crash.

That £7.2-billion BP share sale was a flop with investors and left underwriters holding large chunks of the stock.

Buyer

Kuwait subsequently stepped in as a buyer, accumulating a 22 per cent stake in the oil giant which the government this week ordered more than halved, saying such a large holding would conflict with the public interest.

The government said it will hold a special share in British Steel for five years after the sale to prevent any single holding exceeding 15 per cent.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government has sold off billions of pounds (dollars) of state-owned assets to the public to promote capitalism and wider share ownership. Past sales have included British Airways Plc.



Market clerks on the trading floor of the London Metal Exchange talk with clients after it was announced on Friday that British Steel will be privatised through a Stock Market flotation next month. (Reuters wirephoto)

British Gas Plc, and Luxury Automaker Jaguar Plc.

The initial British Steel prospectus and sale date will be announced on Oct 28, said Trade and Industry secretary Lord Young. It will be the largest-ever sale of shares in an industrial man-

ufacturing company in Britain.

Up to 10 per cent of the shares will be reserved for employees.

British Steel, after years of steep losses under state control, is now one of the world's most profitable integrated steelmakers. It is Europe's second-largest

steel producer and the fourth-biggest in the non-communist world.

British Steel had pre-tax profit of £419 million in its 1987-88 fiscal year. The company has shed 80,000 jobs since 1980, leaving it with 53,000 employees.

Industrial economies growing at 4pc: OECD

PARIS, Oct. 7. (AP): The impact of exchange rate changes in recent years on correcting external imbalances may disappear soon, and the dollar's rise so far this year may slow the correction of the massive US external deficit, the chief of the OECD said yesterday.

In an address to the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly in Strasbourg, Jean-Claude Paye, secretary-general of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, said the growth of economic activity in the Western industrialised democracies in 1988 will be much faster than the OECD originally predicted.

A copy of Paye's speech was released in Paris.

Estimates
The average growth rate of the 24 OECD economies in the first half of this year has been running at around 4 per cent, and it appears "likely to remain at much the same level in the second half of 1988 and could start to fall thereafter."

This would be in line with

latest estimates by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), predicting an inflation-adjusted growth rate for the industrialised economies in 1988 of 3.9 per cent.

OECD projections made public in June indicated a growth rate of 3 per cent in 1988, slowing to 2.5 per cent in 1989.

Paye also suggested that the OECD now believes that the rate of inflation will be very slightly higher than previously estimated, rising to a 4 per cent annual rate in the second half of this year from 3.5 per cent in 1987.

The OECD's unemployment rate has on average improved somewhat, he said. But the situation varies widely from country to country, ranging from a 2.5 per cent unemployment rate in Japan to France's 10.5 per cent rate.

Imbalances

He called the level of unemployment in the OECD area "dangerously high."

Turning to the massive external imbalances of the US, Japan

and West Germany, Paye said they began to diminish more than a year ago thanks to policies adopted in these countries and to exchange rate adjustments.

But, he said, "it is possible that the effects of the changes in exchange rates over the past three years will disappear quite rapidly."

He noted that Japanese and German exporters have been able to adapt to the revaluation of their currencies.

Risk

Another risk is that the dollar's rise "is prompting fears in some quarters that the US external adjustment processes may be slowing down. This makes it even more clearly necessary that domestic demand should grow faster than output in the partner countries of the US and slower than in the US itself."

Paye also warned of the external imbalances that are emerging in Europe, saying large deficits "can seriously constrain the economic policies of the deficit countries and induce them to curb growth just at a time when

they would want to strengthen it... in order to combat unemployment."

He suggested that the deficits be financed by encouraging saving rather than by currency realignments.

Slowdown

Paye warned that the consequences of a slowdown in the correction of big external imbalances could be serious.

"If, for example, the US deficit were to stop declining and stabilise at around \$100 billion a year, the slowly restored confidence of economic and financial actors could be seriously shaken," he stated.

Furthermore, he warned, the "disaster" scenario of a falling dollar, inflation, a massive rise in interest rates and a steep recession "would regain credibility particularly if, on top of this, efforts to reduce the American budget deficit were not pursued with sufficient determination."

Similarly, "all sorts of tensions" could be multiplied if the Japanese and German surpluses start growing again, he said.

US jobless rate dips to 5.4pc

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7. (Reuters): The US jobless rate fell to 5.4 per cent in September from 5.6 per cent in August even though employers hired fewer new workers than expected, the government said today.

Non-farm businesses hired 255,000 workers last month compared with 169,000 in August, the Labour Department said. Forecasters had expected a rise of about 280,000 in non-farm payroll employment. The jobless figure provides the first glimpse of how the economy performed in September.

Drop

The drop in the jobless rate will be welcome news to Vice-President George Bush as he beats the drum for the Republicans' economic policies in the final month of his presidential campaign. He is with Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis.

The slower-than-expected growth in new jobs should also allay some of Wall Street's fears that the economy was overheating, especially as August's new jobs total was revised downwards by 50,000 from last month's initial estimate.

The Federal Reserve, anxious to prevent an acceleration in inflation, has gradually nudged interest rates higher in recent months to take some steam out of the economy and slow the growth rate from the brisk 3.2 per cent pace in the first half of the year.

One possible dark spot was a lack of growth in the manufacturing sector.

The Labour Department's business survey showed that all the jobs created last month were in service industries, with a particularly large increase in teaching jobs as the school year began.

The Labour Department's household survey, which has conducted separately from the business survey and is used to calculate the unemployment rate, showed 148,000 more people had a job last month while the work force shrank by 107,000 as students gave up their summer jobs and returned to class.

As a result, 6.6 million Americans had no job in September out of a labour force of 121.92 million.

The September unemployment rate of 5.4 per cent was down from 5.9 per cent in September 1987.

A different measure of the unemployment rate, which includes military personnel as well as civilians, also fell two-tenths of a point last month, to 5.3 per cent from 5.5 per cent in August.

Job

Part-time employment fell to 5.05 million in September from 5.18 million in August, the government said. The number of people who wanted a full-time job but could find only part-time work fell to 4.81 million from 5.0 million.

The number of service jobs increased by 264,000 last month, while goods-producing jobs fell by 9,000.

Manufacturing jobs fell by 18,000 in September to 19.56 million, for the second consecutive monthly decline, although hours worked in manufacturing industry rose to 41.2 from 41.0.

The stagnation in manufacturing employment, which followed a period of brisk expansion earlier in the year as industries geared up to take advantage of booming export business, could foreshadow a slowdown in progress toward cutting the nation's trade deficit, some economists said.

Construction

Employment in mining also shrank for the second month in a row, while the number of construction jobs was little changed.

Not only did more Americans have a job last month, they also worked longer hours. The average work week lengthened to 34.7 hours in September from 34.6 in August, the government said.

Average hourly earnings rose 0.5 per cent in September, while average weekly earnings rose 0.8 per cent.

Although fatter pay packets will buoy personal spending, some economists are worried that rising labour costs will fuel inflation as employers pass along the higher costs to consumers.

GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Invited Tenders

The Tenders summarised below are invited by the Central Tenders Committee on behalf of government ministries and other concerned authorities. The relevant documents may be obtained from the office of the Central Tenders Committee during office hours against a payment of non-refundable fees as shown therein. Unless otherwise stipulated all relevant offers shall remain valid for a period of 90 days with effect from the closing date.

Tender No. AA/KT/88/89
Tender's Internal No. 176/88
Concerned Party: Municipality of Kuwait

Requirements: Construction, completion & maintenance of two W.C. in Jaleel Al Shiyukh
Relevant Fee: KD. 30/-
Initial Guarantee: 5% of offer's value
Closing Date: 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, 11.11.88

Tender No. MD/MZ/98/89
Tender's Internal No. 175/88
Concerned Party: Ministry of Defence

Requirements: Supply of various furniture, carpets & sponge mattress
Relevant Fee: KD. 30/-

Classified in 4th category of constructional works

A pre-tender meeting shall be held on Tuesday, 25.10.88 at 10.00 am in Municipality Building to discuss the nature of works and answer the queries.

Tender No. AA/KT/88/89
Tender's Internal No. 180/88
Concerned Party: Municipality of Kuwait

Requirements: Maintenance works, manufacturing, supply & installation of Street Guide Boards for Surra, Qubra, Rabiah, Omeyya, Fahheel & Jaleel Al Shiyukh
Relevant Fee: KD. 20/-
Initial Guarantee: KD. 3,500/-
Closing Date: 12:00 Noon, Sunday, 13.11.88

Tender No. MD/MZ/98/89
Tender's Internal No. 175/88
Concerned Party: Ministry of Defence

Requirements: Supply of various furniture, carpets & sponge mattress
Relevant Fee: KD. 30/-

Initial Guarantee: 2% of offer's value

Closing Date: 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, 15.11.88
Tender No. LP.B.16/88/89/90
Tender's Internal No. 177/88
Concerned Party: Municipality of Kuwait

Requirements: Maintenance of central airconditioning units for Ministry of Public Works buildings in different locations at Kuwait.
Relevant Fee: KD. 50/-
Initial Guarantee: 5% of offer's value
Closing Date: 12:00 Noon, Sunday, 13.11.88

N.B.: This tender is open for contractors classified in 2nd, 3rd & 4th categories of airconditioning works.

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Salman Rushdie taxes the reader's patience
in his latest offering, *The Satanic Verses*

Satanic imagination

By Bill Buford

SALMAN Rushdie's first novel in five years, *The Satanic Verses*, begins with a fall, the fall of the novel's two principal characters—cartwheeling, legs wrapped around each other's neck—as they plummet from their Air India jumbojet, blown apart by terrorists, to the ground below.

While falling, they chat. One of the characters sings. A woman appears, she has lacquered hair and a diamond in her nose and, sitting atop a carpet, she talks about love. Her husband makes ball-bearing; the woman, we learn later, is dead. And then our two heroes splash down into the sea, survive and are washed ashore in Britain.

One of the characters is named Chamcha and he has a famous voice: it is the voice you hear in television advertisements when a frozen pea, a pack of sausages or a garlic-flavoured crisp has to talk.

Chamcha is Indian and, after being washed ashore, is suspected of entering Britain illegally and is consequently arrested. While being driven away, Chamcha, who is confused (and can you blame him?), has the misfortune of turning into a goat, compounded by the humiliation of uncontrollably spilling soft, dark pellets across the floor of the police van.

Extraordinary

The other fallen character is Gibreel, a famous Bombay actor, who takes up with an 88-year-old widow, dons a smoking jacket, charms the police when they drop round and eventually start wearing a hat to cover what he, like a modern Gabriel, discovers he has acquired: a halo.

This is an extraordinary opening. Dense with detail essential to what comes later, it can also be a little mystifying. Some readers may not get beyond it, which would be a waste since its initial inaccessibility is momentary, a small price for an admission ticket to a masterpiece of a novel that is more ambitious than any other fiction being written today.

Gibreel is or at least appears to be, an angel of good: an overworked coach on the side of justice. Chamcha, with horns, booves and a huge erection, is satanic, someone on the wrong side, a malign manipulator.

He is, after all, the voice of



Salman Rushdie: a little mystifying

bubble-baths and fast food. The novel is a fable, perhaps an allegory. And when Chamcha later assumes the features of Gibreel and is clearly the good guy, and Gibreel assumes some of the features of Chamcha and is clearly the bad guy (and kills himself to boot), we are tempted to infer that something is being said about the interchangeable nature of good and evil.

Structure

The idea of good and evil gives the novel a structure, alternating between a view of the world as seen by Chamcha and one as seen by Gibreel, rather, as dreamed by Gibreel, who has a tendency to fall asleep and recede into history.

Yet to talk about the book simply as a novel of good and evil distorts it. *The Satanic Verses* is one of the few novels that we can open at random and be surprised, or re-engaged, by what we find even if we have read it before. There is Jahilia, a city of sand where it can never rain and in which the enemy is water. There is Aveeba the epileptic empress who makes the devout prove their faith by walking across the sea, which

they duly try to do and are duly drowned. There is Alleluia Cone, the ice queen who discovers ghosts at the top of Everest.

There is a chapter in which the temperature of London is increased to a tropical heat, a reconstructed version of Dickens' East End and a party featuring virtually every character of the novel culminating in Gibreel losing his sanity and becoming the angel Gabriel.

This is the imagination working at quite a pitch. Joyce has been here before, but not many others. It is writing of unparalleled power.

The Satanic Verses works on an unusual level; it is addressing the appetites of the mind, its craving for pattern, moralities, answers, right, wrong, God.

I suspect it is the most personal book Salman Rushdie has written, and one in which he is trying to come to terms with the greatest question, the question of death.

THE SATANIC VERSES by Salman Rushdie/Viking £12.95 pp 547.

A star in the age of the paparazzi

By John Russell Taylor

I ONCE asked Noel Coward about the stage play he had allegedly written based on Star Quality. Well, he said, he had completed it and then decided it was not interesting enough to put on.

The trouble was that it was exclusively about the trials and tribulations of show business, and while everyone inside show business thought everything that happened to them was of absorbing interest, no one outside gave a damn about how a show got on the road, provided it did.

Faced with a book about an actor the size of Melvyn Bragg's new biography of Richard Burton, it is difficult to dismiss Coward's strictures. Has there ever been an actor to whom nothing happened that was not showbiz, who was yet interesting enough to sustain such detailed personal consideration?

Fans of *Mommy Dearest* and *My Mother's Keeper* would probably agree that they come within the Coward guidelines. And autobiographies are different, since they ultimately depend more on the talent of the writer to make what happened to him interesting than on the inherent interest of whatever it was.

Advantage

Here, at least, Rich has an advantage: the very extensive use it makes of Burton's own unpublished notebooks. We knew already that Burton had ambitions as a writer, culled, perhaps, from early contacts with Dylan Thomas. (Thomas, certainly, seems to be the strongest influence on pieces published during Burton's lifetime). And whenever he got fed up with the acting game, or some how disillusioned, Burton would regularly think he might become a writer instead.

So it is not surprising that we catch a glimpse of him keeping a rather ordinary 14-year-old schoolboy's diary, shortly before the start of his relationship with Philip Burton, the "spotless bachelor" ("impro-

priety unthinkable," telegraphs Bragg) who was to become his sponsor, mentor, and surrogate father, and hand on his name.

From 1966 onwards, he kept intermittently a notebook diaries-cum-commonplace books which had amounted by the time of his death to 350,000 words.

These would seem to have gathered up his passing comments on books he was reading and events of the day, mostly unexceptional (he is shocked by Stephen Ward's trial, wry about Teddy Kennedy's misfortunes, and so on); they are really interesting only on three things: his professional self-analysis, his relations with Elizabeth Taylor (the notebooks begin around *The Taming of the Shrew*), and the occasional critical comment about fellow actors. One gets the impression that Bragg has salvaged everything (and perhaps rather more than everything) worth keeping.

So, then, why this book? Not just, I think, because Burton had his name in lights throughout the world, for so have many others not deemed suitable for this hefty memorializing. Was he, finally, the star who came in from the cold, giving up brilliant prospects in the theatre for the creature comforts of a place in the Hollywood sun? Or was he, rather, the star who never (quite) was? Whatever may be thought of his acting skills on stage or film, the fact remains unarguable that his real fame stems from his relationship with Elizabeth Taylor, begun when, after a not particularly distinguished career in films, he was second choice to play Antony to her Cleopatra. From then on the world was agog—but about the pair of them rather than him in particular, even after they had divorced, remarried, and gone through further spouse or two apiece.

He always liked to say that she was the better actor. Whether he really meant it or not, as far as the screen is concerned he was probably right.



The many faces of Richard Burton: whatever may be thought of his acting skills, the fact remains that his real fame stems from his relationship with Elizabeth Taylor

She was certainly the more convincing movie star. But then she had been a star in the era of Louella and Hedda, when people were interested in your private life because of what you did on the screen. He became a star in the age of the paparazzi when the tail of private life tended to wag the dog of career.

Too often he just walked through his role with evident boredom; occasionally he acted too much, as though to remind us that he had played Hamlet. In one of the more striking notebook asides he compares himself (defensively) with Paul Scofield: no one remembers, he says, that Scofield bust a gut to be one movie star and failed. But one wonders whether a more immediate comparison would not be with John Neville: Neville, too, was touted as the next great actor, but shortly disappeared to re-emerge in Canada as a respected director and manager.

Who knows what would have happened to Burton if he had not shifted to the cinema when he did? The fantasy of the great career one might have had is always more comfortable than the hard slog of actually trying to live it out. And Burton seems to have been, for all his intelligence and superficial energy, deeply lazy.

Memory

He was, of course, one of a generation of "Celtic" drinkers, roistering, headline-hitters, Irish (Richard Harris, Peter O'Toole) and Welsh (himself, Stanley Baker). He cheerfully speculated that, in his own case, this might come from a fear of homosexuality. More likely, for all of them, it stemmed from a deep doubt about whether being a film star was any job fit for a man.

Since everyone else will, I cannot resist contributing my most vivid memory of him (them), which seems to me particularly typical of the charm,

the irritant quality, and the characteristic mixing of motives.

I had gone to Sardinia to see some shooting on *Boon*. As chance would have it, I was first introduced to Elizabeth Taylor. Her response was brief and to the point: 10 words, mostly choice expletives, and off she went. Moments later, it was Burton's turn. He fixed me with his basilisk eye. "You're the one who said I was selfish." "Doesn't sound like my style." I said, feverishly trying to recall what I had said about *The Taming of the Shrew*. "Cloddisch, then. No? Well, I'll remember. Never forget a review. Never." He turned on his heel and stalked out. But then at the door he turned, his features suffused with a schoolboy grin. "Well anyway," he announced, "it's already taken eight million domestic."

RICH, *The Life of Richard Burton* by Melvyn Bragg (Hodder & Stoughton, £15).

James Lees-Milne chooses his favourite diaries

Confessions of a diary-reading author

By James Lees-Milne

UNLIKE a biography, a diary cannot tell the complete or unbiased story of a life. At best it is a collection of jottings. It has no beginning, little sequence and no end. The author's early and usually last years are lacking.

Generally speaking, diaries can be divided into chronicles of public events, travel, and private actions and reflections. The first sort, kept by Thomas Creevey and Richard Crossman, being exclusively political, have no appeal for me. The second concern me only if I am visiting or writing about the places they describe. The third invariably fascinate me.

Now why on earth do people keep diaries? No doubt the majority hope that one day they may be published. I don't see anything reprehensible in this harmless desire. Nor do I believe that the majority of diarists write for their own eyes exclusively. It is true, so the diary expert Simon Brett says, that all are to some degree self-conscious. He instances that strutting, rutting, cock-rob of a man, Samuel Pepys, who, although he wrote in shorthand, often lapsed coyly into a guesstimate of Esperanto when recording his sexual exploits.

Going to bed she undressed me, and there I did give her good advice and bado la, ella weeping still; and yo did take her, the first time in my life, sobra mi genit and did poner mi mano sub her jupes and toca su thing...

Exhibitionist

Some diarists are frankly exhibitionist. Some treat their diary as a Father Confessor, seeking absolution from sin and spiritual guidance; others as the never-complaining, all-understanding friend, and repository of confidence, and comfort in times of emotional stress.

Fanny Burney addressed hers to "Nobody" because "Nobody" would not repeat her confidences. Elizabeth Barrett had from the start grave misgivings: "How could I write a diary without throwing upon paper my thoughts?" How indeed? "And then how could I bear to look on them after



Byron, Harold Nicolson and Virginia Woolf: diarists noted for wit, ludicrous incident, penetrating assessment and splendid writing.

they were written?" She should have known better than to think of doing such a rash thing.

Byron was far less naive. He regarded his diary as a relief to his feelings. "When I am tired... out come this, and down goes everything. But I can't read it over and God knows what contradictions it may contain." He was far astuter than E. Barrett: "If I am sincere with myself, (but I fear one lies more to oneself than to anyone else), every page should confute, refute, and utterly abjure its predecessor"—which confirms the fact that a diarist can draw only a one-dimensional portrait of himself. Unlike the biographer he is inconsistent and swayed by every wind that blows.

What matters most is that a diary should not be boring. To be unboring the writer should, I suggest, observe certain rules. He should make his entries daily so that they be immediate, not retrospective. He should not correct or polish them, for that leads to loss of spontaneity. Let him dash down the words, heedless of grammar and repetitions.

Admittedly when publication dawns he will be tempted, and should resist as far as possible, to omit or modify shameful recordings. The moment a diarist laments that he is losing the regular daily habit, beware. He is becoming a bore. Sir Walter Scott admitted on Feb 1, 1823 that he was "fishing for the lost recollections of the days since the 21 January." Henceforth his journals become unreadable. The last rule is, never show your diary in manuscript to a living soul.



Candour is the greatest quality of a good diarist. Can he be truly honest? It is very difficult. The temptation to be scrupulous about thoughts and events concerning oneself, however unscrupulous one may be in recounting those of others, is ever present. Chippis Channon asked: "What is more dull than a discreet diary? One might just as well have a discreet soul." He at least could not be upbraided for that. The readability of a diary is not governed by the niceness or nastiness of its author. Some of the best diarists have been blatant cads; some show-offs; some whiners; some frankly disagreeable, like the 5th Viscount Torrington who was always grumbling, carping and criticising other people's houses. He must have been consumed with envy. Some find their diary the only means of revenge upon life, like poor Adington Symonds who was homosexual in pre-Wolfenden days.

A concern commonly shared by diarists is death. Even Pepys and Noel Coward went in awe of it. In consequence nearly all diaries are sad. This is not perhaps surprising since diarists are an introspective lot. One has merely to think of Benjamin R. Haydon pathetically striving to maintain his self-confidence. His end was suicide, as was Virginia Woolf's—probably for the same reason.

It always surprises me how most diarists have neglected to explain ordinary mundane things like, say, the speed at which news travelled before trains and telegraphs were invented, and the relative

values of money. For whereas a Georgian squire might pay his groom £5 a year he would toss a guinea to a ragged youth who opened a gate for him out hunting. It is well to bear in mind the simple details which posterity likes to learn about. What was the first thing their forebears did on rising? Relieve themselves? Into what? Did the well-to-do have to walk in winter darkness and cold to a garden privy? With a rush light? Or was paper, or wool, or dried grass provided? Did they strip and wash the whole body with soap (where indeed did the soap come from)? Or allow a natural grease to accumulate? How disagreeably did they smell? How often, if at all, were their outer garments cleaned?

Arbitrary

A choice of favourite diaries must be arbitrary. But for sheer wit, ludicrous incident, penetrating assessment of people and splendid writing I plump for those of Byron, Virginia Woolf and Harold Nicolson. Byron, very introverted, suffered acutely from "angst." One is not for a moment taken in by his delicious cynicism, self-disparagement and contempt for "poesie", which he called it, as beneath a nobleman's dignity. "Who would write, who had anything better to do?" he asked, tongue in cheek. I find his apophthegms irresistible. "When one extracts from life infancy (which is vegetation)—sleep, eating and swilling—buttoning and unbuttoning—how much remains of downright existence? The summer of a dormouse."

Virginia Woolf's diaries, like her novels, may be caviar to the

general. Who cares if they don't adhere strictly to the truth?

The five volumes constitute one of the great masterpieces of 20th-century literature. Her outlook on life is intensely original. She is an obsessive writer, drilled, disciplined. She sees the most ordinary sight, an old woman crossing a street, and thinks: "How do I describe that in words?" And she does it with magic. Malicious, ruthless, cruel, self-centred, her diaries are poetical effusions from beginning to end.

Harold Nicolson's are on the contrary pithy and devoid of all meanness. They express humanity and goodness. Their style is urbane, idiosyncratic. Always the adept turn of phrase. Never for an instant boring. They chronicle parliamentary, literary and social happenings with the keenest wit. They excel the memoirs of Saint-Simon and the journals of the Goncourt brothers, being devoid of the mischievous gossip of the first and the intellectual odium of the second.

So much for these astringent and stirring diaries. My top favourites however are those about, well—nothing much. I admit that Parson Woodford's is nothingness is too trite and monotonous. But the nothingness of Dorothy Wordsworth, Francis Kilvert and Denton Welch, three unimportant individuals in our country's history, enthrall me.

The three are passionate observers of nature, country ways, places and customs. Dorothy's landscape is stark and grey. Fragile and put upon, she slaved for the two most selfish poets of genius it is possible to imagine, her brother William and Coleridge, anticipating and satisfying their material and intellectual needs.

The Rev Francis Kilvert was not a tragic figure. His diaries are chiefly concerned with the care of his parishioners and a deep love of the Welsh mountains, flowers, birds and children, especially little girls. The descriptions of his treks for miles on foot in all seasons are intensely evocative. He was simple, credulous and an upholder of all rural traditions—valentines, hot-cross buns and the decoration of graves at Easter.

By Noel Malcolm

WHEN Kingsley Amis's fourth novel, *Take a Girl Like You*, was published in 1960, it was hailed by one critic (as the blurb on my Penguin copy reminds me) as "incendiary stuff... a really formidable blaze." The hand-rubbing, schoolmasterly enthusiasm of those phrases says almost as much as the words themselves: it is the sound of a critical establishment grinning and bobbing its head as it tries to conceal its all too evident unease.

After all, young Amis was a well-known iconoclast, wasn't he? The comic scenes in his novels depended on ridiculing figures of authority, didn't they? His writing was unbearably explicit—not about sex (that would have been bearable) but about lechery. And yet behind it all there could be glimpsed an order of moral values which was, well, old-fashioned in its solidity, and to which even his most disreputable anti-heroes somehow submitted in the end.

Kindled

Twenty-eight years later, Amis has kindled a new and rather different fire from the embers of the blaze. In *Difficulties with Girls* he picks up the central characters of *Take a Girl Like You* and sets them down in Swinging London. The year is 1967. Patrick Standish works for a firm of publishers now; a small firm, but forward-looking in its way, with its Poets in Progress series and its editions of the latest works of Maubius (*The Mode Is The Meaning*, *The Ethics of Insurgency*, and so on).

Jenny Standish (not Bunn) has also given up her teaching job. She has had one miscarriage, and has almost got over the knowledge that she will never have any children; but the knowledge that marriage has not restrained, and never will restrain, Patrick's lustful attentions to other women, is still sometimes too difficult to bear. It is, after all, her love for him which has attuned her so closely to his mind that she can see through

Variations on a theme



Kingsley Amis: kindling a new and different fire

all his sordid lies and subterfuges—to the point where that love must surely be corroded out of existence by the knowledge it brings her.

That familiarity should breed contempt is a manageable fact of life: that love should breed it too seems unnecessarily cruel, but what else could it breed, when its object is someone capable of such unstoppable disingenuousness as this: "I told you I was going to be better, a better husband. Well, I am. I've never admitted having an affair before unless I've had to, have I?"

The plot of *Difficulties with Girls* does not, however, simply explore the history of Patrick's infidelities. In fact it is hard to say whether the book has a plot, in the old-fashioned sense, at all. It is more like a set of variations on a theme, with each character weaving into the story his own particular experience of difficulties with girls.

There is even a walk-on part for Graham McClintock (the literal-minded Scottish chemistry master from *Take a Girl Like You*), who shows a photograph of his newly acquired wife to Patrick and tries to explain, with almost panic-stricken matter-of-factness, the awfulness of their co-existence. ("Well, take into account that my wife is talkative by nature. Very talkative...")

At times, this book reminds me of one of those 18th-century novels where each new person to get into the stage-coach contributes, in turn, the story of his life. The stage-coach in this case is the block of flats where Patrick and Jenny live; the other inhabitants include an empty-headed married woman who responds with wince-making romanticism to Patrick's lust, and a homosexual civil servant, whose relations with his live-in lover are an extreme case of difficulties with—well, with femininity anyway.

And then there is the new neighbour, Tim, foolish, deceptive and yet ineradicably innocent, whose difficulty (which occurs with girls each time at an embarrassingly crucial moment) has led him, via a Harley Street psychiatrist, to believe that he must be homosexual.

There is, then, a gallery of misfits here sufficient to stand alongside the cast-list of earlier comic masterpieces, such as *Take a Girl Like You*. But the nature of the comedy has changed.

In one sense, the mood is more bitter now: much of the misogyny expressed by Patrick and his male friends remains uncontradicted by events, and the moral shallowness of Patrick's character is all the more painfully obvious, now that Mr Amis has perfected his technique of presenting shallow characters, so to speak, in depth.

Comedy

But at the same time the comedy has become gentler too. Those touches of Sixties grotesquerie which young Amis would have ridiculed mercilessly are now depicted by old Amis with almost loving fascination—the sort of love, at any rate, which Flaubert came to feel for human stupidity. And the growth in moral stature of Jenny's character as the book progresses blossoms, almost without our noticing it, into a generous reaffirmation of human goodness.

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Italy frees
West Germans
for qualifiers

MUNICH, West Germany, Oct. 7. (Reuters): 'Exiles' Lothar Matthäus, Andreas Brehme and Rudi Voeller have been freed by their Italian clubs for West Germany's World Cup soccer qualifiers against the Netherlands, team manager Franz Beckenbauer told a news conference yesterday.

He included them in his preliminary squad for the match in Munich on October 19 along with newcomers Michael Schulz and goalkeeper Andreas Koepke.

Others

Schulz was one of six members of West Germany's Olympic bronze medal team named in the 19-man squad. The others were Holger Fach, Thomas Haessler, Juergen Klinsmann, Frank Mill and Karlheinz Riedle.

The full squad:
Goal — Bodo Illgner, Andreas Koepke.

Defence — Andreas Brehme, Guido Buchwald, Holger Fach, Matthias Herget, Jurgen Kohler, Stefan Reuter, Michael Schulz, Midfield — Thomas Haessler, Guenter Hermann, Lothar Matthäus, Wolfgang Roloff, Olaf Thon.

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CELTIC, RANGERS AND NAPOLI REACH 2ND ROUND

'El Buitre' swoops as Real sail through

LONDON, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Spanish international striker Emilio Butragueno lived up to his reputation as one of Europe's deadliest strikers on Wednesday night when he guided Real Madrid comfortably through to the second round of the European Cup with the only goal of their 1-0 victory over Moss in Norway.

Butragueno, dubbed 'The Vulture' in Spain for his predatory scoring instincts, struck six minutes before the interval as the Spaniards, cushioned by a 3-0 advantage from the first leg, in Madrid, stroled to a 4-0 aggregate victory on a night of high scoring in 49 ties all over Europe.

Swagger

Real were joined in the second round by 1986 Champions Cup winners Steaua Bucharest and 1987 winners Porto — but neither progressed with the swagger of potential champions this time.

Steaua were held 2-2 at home by Sparta Prague, but went through 7-3 on aggregate thanks to their 5-1 win in Czechoslovakia in the first leg, and Porto squeezed through 3-2 on aggregate after losing 2-0 in Finland to HJK Helsinki.

Glasgow Celtic, the 1967 win-

ners, swept through with a 4-1 aggregate victory over Honved Budapest, Billy Stark, Andy Walker, Frank McAvennie and Mark McGhee scoring the goals which overwhelmed the Hungarians 4-0 in the second leg.

The high-scoring was led by former West German champions Bayern Munich. Leading 3-1 from the first leg, they overwhelmed Legia Warsaw 7-3 in Poland in a UEFA tie claim a 10-4 aggregate win.

In the absence of holders PSV Eindhoven of the Netherlands, who were given a bye to the second round, Real's tie was the focal point of attention as they began their bid for a record seventh Champions' Cup win.

After their untypically sluggish start to the season, Real began to show signs of recapturing their form last weekend with a good win over Real Oviedo when 'El Buitre' scored twice and his understanding with Mexican Hugo Sanchez and West German midfielder Bernd Schuster continued to blossom in Norway as they secured their place in the draw for the second round.

George Hagi and Marius Lacatus scored for the Romanian champions Steaua against Sparta Prague after Bilek had opened the scoring. Bilek also

equalised for Sparta with two minutes to spare.

Red Star Belgrade, 3-0 victors over Ireland's Dundalk with goals from Satanadzovic, Mirkela and Savicevic, swept through with an 8-0 aggregate win to be joined by Galatasaray of Turkey and Nentori Tirana of Albania.

Repeated

The Turkish champions, 2-1 down from the first leg, beat Rapid Vienna 2-0, a feat repeated by the Albanians against Hamrun Spartans of Malta.

Swedish champions Gottenburg, tipped by some as a possible threat to the established giants, crushed Pezoporikos of Cyprus 5-1 for a 7-2 aggregate passage with goals from Roland Nilsson and Lars Zetterlund in the opening seven minutes and later strikes by Tommy Holmgren and Dan Froberg (2).

In the Cup Winners' Cup, Kharkov followed the Soviet Union's recent success at the Olympics by beating Yugoslavia's Borac Banjaluka 4-0 for an aggregate 4-2 win.

Barcelona, 2-0 up from the first leg of their tie against Iceland's Fram Reykjavik, followed Kharkov into the second round with a resounding 5-0 win which saw England striker Gary

Lineker, recovered from hepatitis, score his first goal of the season.

Lineker opened the scoring after nine minutes and Barcelona's other goals followed from Aitor Beguiristain (2), Roberto Fernandez and Jose Bakero.

The UEFA Cup was dominated by events in Poland where Bayern Munich enjoyed an exceptional goal spree against Legia Warsaw, and Glasgow Rangers powered to a tremendous victory over Katowice.

Defender Norbert Nachtweih set Bayern on their way with a tremendous 30-metre drive for the opening goal after 20 minutes and further goals followed from Johnny Ekstrom (2), Klaus Augenthaler, Armin Eck and Erwin Wegman (2).

Further

Injury-hit Rangers fell a goal behind early on to a free kick by Jan Furtok but stormed back with two headed goals by England defender Terry Butcher.

Miroslav Kuchizal pulled the Polish team back into the game in the second half but further goals by Iain Durrant and Ian Ferguson ended their hopes as Rangers romped home.

Ajax Amsterdam, reeling with

internal problems after their poor start to the Dutch League season, crashed out of the UEFA Cup, beaten 6-3 on aggregate by Sporting Lisbon.

The Portuguese team followed their 4-2 win in the first leg with a comfortable 2-1 victory in Amsterdam, Silas and Masde scoring for Sporting and Marc Verkuyl replying for haples Ajax.

Napoli were held to a 1-1 draw last night away to Paok Salonika but managed to reach the 2nd round on a 2-1 aggregate having won the first leg 1-0.

In a rough, hard-fought game played before 45,000 fans at Salonika's Toumba stadium, Napoli's Brazilian centerforward Careca shot the ball into Paok's net in the 17th minute after a right cross from the Italian team's star Argentine forward Diego Maradona.

The northern Greek team equalised in the 63rd with a header from striker Giorgos Skartados after a corner shot.

In a very physical match, the Neapolitan team was hard pressed by an aggressive Greek offense. Paok, which spoiled several good scoring opportunities, was unable to penetrate Napoli's tight and well organised defence.

The Greek team also failed to

further take advantage of a total of 20 corner shots against nine for Napoli. Italian players trying to execute the corners were pelted by objects thrown by rowdy Paok fans.

In Milan, Italy, Dutch striker, Marco van Basten scored four goals as Italian champion AC Milan trounced Vitosha of Bulgaria 5-2 in their return match of the European Cup of Champions first round last night.

Milan advanced into the second round of the most prestigious European tournament for clubs on a 7-2 aggregate score as it had won the away first-leg 2-0.

And in Cremona, Sampdoria of Genoa scored one goal in each half to down Sweden's Norrkoping 2-0 last night and gain a second-round berth in the European Cup Winners' Cup tournament.

The Italian team, which had lost 1-2 the first-leg first-round match in Sweden, advanced on a 3-2 aggregate score through its clearest win in the return-match in this north Italian city, near Milan.

Sampdoria could not perform on the home field of Marassi because the Genoa stadium is through modernisation works for the 1990 World Cup.

Liverpool
may go top
of League

LONDON, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Defending champions Liverpool, surprisingly beaten at home last week, could still find themselves on top of the English First Division today.

With leaders Millwall not playing, Liverpool travel to lowly Luton and although they are still beset with injury problems, these days they rarely lose two games in succession.

Three points will put Liverpool on the same 14 mark as Millwall and if second placed Norwich fail at Derby, Liverpool should be riding high again.

Luton, boosted by the return of defender Ashley Grimes and midfielder Darron McDough, are looking for their first home win.

British soccer

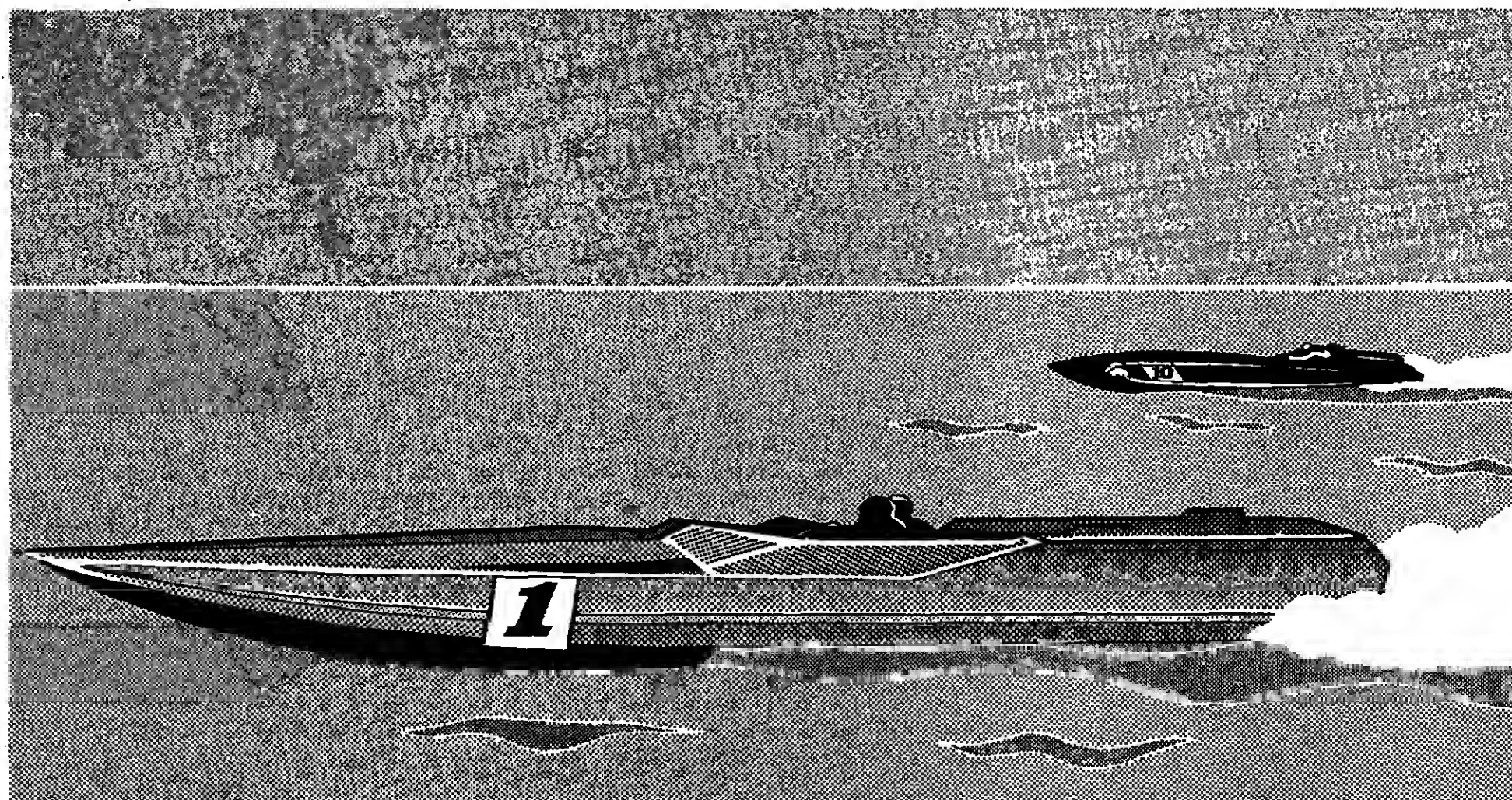
LONDON, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Results of British soccer matches played on Wednesday:

English Division Two	
Bradford	0
Barnsley	1
Manchester C.	4
Portsmouth	1
Oxford	1
Swindon	1
West Brom.	1
Bournemouth	0
English Division Three	
Bristol R.	1
Preston	3
Brentford	2
Fulham	2
Wolves	2
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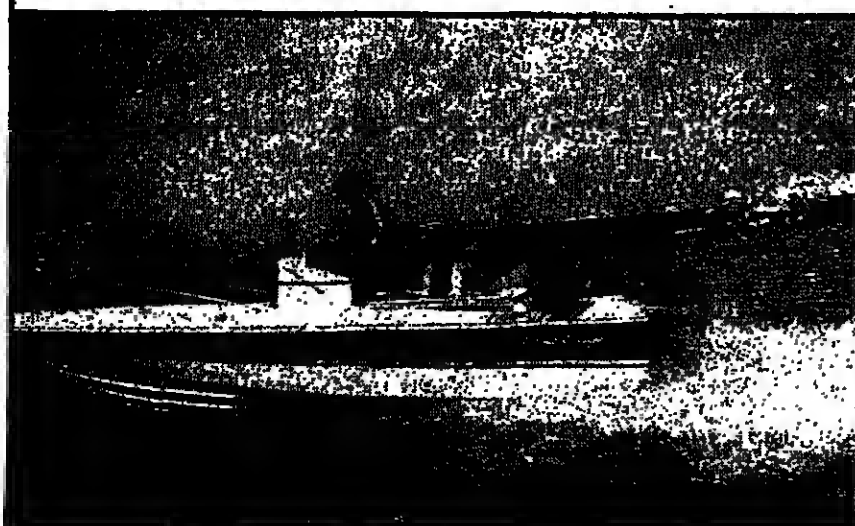
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MIANDAD TO STAY AS PAKISTAN CAPTAIN

Australians plod to 175 for three

LAHORE, Pakistan, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Australia opted for safety rather than spectacle today, grinding to 175 for three on the first day of the decisive third Test against Pakistan.

Captain Allan Border celebrated his 97th Test appearance, making him Australia's most capped player, with an unbeaten 54.

Otherwise it was slow cricket as accurate Pakistani bowling kept the touring batsmen tied down. Opener Geoff Marsh hit a dour 64, but it took him 296 minutes.

Australia won the toss and set about the task of levelling the three-Test series with grim determination. Marsh and David Boon plodded cautiously to 69 at lunch on an easy-paced wicket.

Tempered
The opening partnership was finally broken in mid-afternoon when Australia were 87. Boon was tempted to square cut a rising ball outside the off stump from Sulim Jaffer, but failed to get hold of it and Shoaib Mohammad caught him at point for 43.

Dean Jones, who has had a wretched tour so far, continued his miserable sequence when he was out for naught, padding for-



Border: unbeaten on 54

ward to off-spinner Tauseef Ahmad. Debutant umpire Sahm Badar gave him out lbw.

With two wickets falling in five balls it was time for Border, 32, to play his captain's innings, picking up from where he left off in

Faisalabad where he scored 113 not out.

Border has happy memories of the Gaddafi stadium. He hit a Test century in each innings here in 1979 and led Australia to a World Cup semifinal triumph

over Pakistan last year.

This time his appearance marked his passing of wicket-keeper Rodney Marsh's record of 96 Tests for Australia.

Border lived a little dangerously, but quickened the scoring rate. He and Marsh put on 67 for the third wicket and then Marsh was stumped by the agile Salim Yousaf.

He stepped forward to drive left-arm spinner Iqbal Qasim but was beaten in the air. It was a close decision, but umpire Badar gave the wicketkeeper's lightning reactions the benefit of any doubt.

Marsh hit nine boundaries. At close of play Graeme Wood was on four.

Meanwhile, Pakistan today turned down suggestions that the return of Imran Khan could result in a change of captaincy. Arif Abbasi, secretary of the Pakistani Board of Cricket Control, said Javed Miandad would stay as captain.

"We have not limited his tenure as captain to one of two series," he told Reuters.

During the past few years the captaincy has switched between Imran and Javed Miandad, who accepted the present job in the series against Australia on the

understanding that he would continue to lead Pakistan to Australia and New Zealand.

Abbasi said Imran was quite willing to go to Australia for the one-day series and also to New Zealand for the three-Test tour later this winter "as an ordinary member of the team."

Imran, who missed the current home series against Australia after complaining that the matches were being played in hot weather, is expected to return to Pakistan later this month.

Miandad, who hit 211 in a Karachi innings and 107 at Faisalabad, is close to another personal milestone. He needs another 18 runs to become the 11th batsman in Test history to score 7,000 runs.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings	
D. Boon c Shoaib b Jaffer	43
C. Marsh st. Yousaf b Qasim	54
D. Jones lbw Tauseef	0
A. Border not out	54
G. Wood not out	4
Extras (b-4 lb-4 nb-2)	10
Total (for three wickets, 81 overs)	175
Fall of wickets: 1-87 (2-88 3-155)	
To bat: S. Waugh, T. May, P. Taylor, I. Healy, B. Reid, T. Dodsieide.	
Bowling to date: Salim Jaffer 18-4-50-1, Muzzaffer Nazir 5-3-10-0, Abdul Qadir 16-6-36-4, Tauseef Ahmad 28-13-44-1, Iqbal Qasim 13-3-23-1, Shoaib Mohammad 1-0-4-0.	

Ashkanani overcomes Bushnaq for final

KHALED ASHKANANI, reached the men's singles final of the 3rd Tennis Open with a 6-0 6-4 victory over Saleh Bushnaq at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel tennis courts on Thursday.

Spectators were treated to some excellent tennis as the event, being organised by the Ministry of Electricity and Water, neared its end.

Fought

Ashkanani caught Bushnaq flat-footed in the first set but the latter fought back in the second and for a few moments even threatened to take the game into the third set.

Ashkanani's opponent in the final will be Hashim Fairouz who qualified for the final on Wednesday with a victory over Khalid Hassan Rashid.

Yousuf Al Ibrahim and Yousuf Al Shamlan took the under-18 doubles title with a 6-0 6-2 victory over Fairas Helmi and Tareq Al Hadeed. Al Shamlan had not been feeling well just before the start of the game but insisted on playing and won the title.

In the event for professionals, Kuwait national team's Dutch coach Damian Sancillo emerged victorious in the final after a close 6-4 7-6 decision over Yarmouk Club's Swedish coach Rudolf Som.

Bushnaq gained revenge for his defeat in the singles when he



Damian Sancillo

partnered Abraham George in the men's doubles to a victory over Ashkanani and Ahmad Rajab.

Bushnaq and Abraham will now meet Khaled Hassan Rashid and Waleed Al Bannai, who beat Hashim Fairouz and Aiman Al Ashwak 6-4 6-0 in the other doubles semifinal.

First
In the women's doubles, Huda Al Sabah and Afaf Kayed recovered from a first set defeat to win 4-6 6-3 6-4 against Laila and Olga. Huda and Afaf met Anna Strakos and Helma McCall in the final.

Strakos has also reached the ladies singles final where she meets Afaf.

In the under-14 final, Talal Asfour will play Tareq Hadeed and in the under-18 section Aiman Al Ashwak and Waleed Al Bannai clash for the title.

Ghanem takes early lead in Lebanon rally

JOU NIFH, Lebanon. Samir Ghanem, a local driver, took an early lead in a Group B Nissan 240 RS as the Marlboro Rally de Montagne got under way yesterday afternoon.

Two seconds behind Samir, after the first special stage, was Dubai's Mohammed Bin Sulayem in a Group A Ford Sierra Cosworth. Five seconds behind the red and white Ford of the Middle East champion was Saeed Al-Hariri in an identical car.

No crowds are taking part in this 1000-km rally, the first leg of which was to finish early this morning. This leg covers 473 km including 15 special stages totalling 195 km. All the stages in this event are run on tarmac.

The race is being organised by the Automobile and Touring Club of Lebanon.

It is the fourth of six rallies in Qatar, Kuwait, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman and Dubai for the Middle East Championship.

First

"We are doing a 100 per cent performance and there's no reason for me not to win the rally," said Bin Sulayem before the start. "I want to be the first to win this championship three times in a row."

Other foreign participants include Sweden's Per Carlsson and Ola Stromberg; England's Gary Johnson, Denis Turner, Richard and Julie Banks; France's Michel Courroye and Jerome Guetard; West Germany's Zdenek Mrazek and his Czech co-driver Pavel Hartl; and Cyprus champion Christos Eliades.

Experts said the Lebanon rally, which ends tomorrow, is the most difficult among the six.

"The roads are slippery at night, dry in the day and sometimes bumpy," one said. "The race is held exclusively on Christian-held territory. The organizers say this is because roads in the Christian heartland are better asphalted and maintained than the war-ravaged highways in Muslim-controlled areas."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Queensland Open

BRISBANE, Australia, Oct. 7. (AP): Top seeded American Tim Mayotte crushed seeded West German Carl-Uwe Steeb 6-2, 6-3 today to storm into the semifinals of the \$195,000 Queensland Open indoor tennis championships at Bondall stadium.

America's Cup

SAN DIEGO, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Four Soviet yacht clubs have formally asked to be challengers in the next America's Cup competition, the San Diego Yacht Club defenders said yesterday.

Ben Johnson

LONDON, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Sprinter Ben Johnson's world record breaking Olympic 100 metres is likely to appear in the Guinness Book of Records although he was stripped of his gold medal for using steroids, the book's sports editor said today.

O'Brien quits

DUBLIN, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Irish racehorse trainer David O'Brien is to quit at the end of the year after a poor season which has produced fewer than 20 winners.

Rosa Mota

OPORTO, Portugal, Oct. 7. (AP): Thousands of cheering Portuguese lined the streets of Portugal's northern capital on Wednesday to give Summer Games women's marathon gold medalist Rosa Mota a golden welcome home.

Brazil star

EINDHOVEN, Holland, Oct. 7. (UPI): Brazil's Olympic soccer star Romario, who scored seven goals for his country in Seoul, has signed with Dutch champions PSV Eindhoven, a club official said on Wednesday.

McKenzie wins

WEMBLEY, England, Oct. 7. (AP): Challenger Duke McKenzie of Britain dumped defending titlist Rolando Bohol of the Philippines on the canvas twice in the 11th round to claim the International Boxing Federation flyweight title on Wednesday.

Judo star

LONDON, Oct. 7. (AP): British judo star Kerrith Brown, who was stripped of an Olympic bronze medal after failing a drugs test, was temporarily banned from competing domestically on Wednesday but must wait to hear his final fate.

New darts teams make solid start

WITH a new darts season just started, and a new unified organising committee, the K.B.R.C. Wednesday Darts League took to the oche this week with 16 teams this year and many new players.

The new teams started off the best with the 1987 champions Kneecreepers, now playing as the Hasbeans stumbling 5-1 at home to newcomers Middle Easters, despite John Carr hitting a 140.

John Morris replied also with a 140 and came out a 2-1 winner. Terry Slattery helped things along by scoring 100. No luck either for the ladies as M.E. Enders cruised home 2-0.

There was a good first outing also for the Equalisers who thrashed old-timers Nobblers 5-1. Steve Novis winning the only point of the night, Stuart McDougall scored 100, but Ihsan Soboh went one better on the way to a 2-0 win. All was not lost however, as the Nibblers took revenge on behalf of their men to win 2-0 in the ladies game.

After several year absence from the game, the Dinar Soarers once again loomed large to swamp newcomers Shipwreck 4-2, while the ladies side sneaked past the UASC connected team 2-1.

Another team reformed to try and regain former glories, though with new faces, is the Chuckers who got off to a solid start by beating the seemingly fearless Finias Flyers 4-2. The Finias Flyers saved some measure of respect by nipping home 2-1 on the final double one.

With several postponements this week the only one of last year's teams to win was H20 who demolished Menage A Trois 5-1 despite Mike Simms' two hundreds.

Ken Edwards maintained last seasons form with 100 and 121 in his 2-1 win. A good night also for H20 ladies who sailed home 2-0 with Hilary securing the first ladies trophy of the season with 121.

The Monday League starts on Oct 10 where new teams will still be accepted. For more information contact Ian Thomas on 3949125 (residence).

58 entries for World Bridge

VENICE, Italy, Oct. 7. (AP): Organisers are expecting teams from 58 countries to compete in the World Contract Bridge Team Olympics that open here Sunday and run through Oct 22.

The tournament, held every four years, is conducted along the lines of the Davis Cup in tennis — each member country is entitled to enter one team in each event — the open competition and the women's event.

Poland, defending champion in the open event, will field two members of the 1984 titlists and four new players.

The United States, which has won every event at each of the last three World Championships, will attempt to win its first Olympiad title — the only event they have never won.

Other teams expected to make good showings are France, Britain, Sweden, Pakistan, Austria, the Netherlands and Brazil.

Top four seeds reach matchplay semifinals

Ballesteros rallies for win

WENTWORTH, England, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Severiano Ballesteros and Sandy Lyle battled from the brink of defeat today to join Ian Woosnam and Nick Faldo in an all-European semifinal line-up at the World Matchplay Golf Championship.

Ballesteros, the British Open champion and second seed, sank a 10-foot birdie putt to beat American Mark McCumber at the first extra hole after being four down with 11 holes of their 36-hole match remaining.

"I didn't play well all day. The match was in Mark's hands, but in matchplay anything can happen," Ballesteros said.

Third-seeded Lyle, the US Masters champion, trailed Nick Price of Zimbabwe by five holes with 15 left, then in a remarkable reversal of form he charged through to win 3 and 2 as Price went off the ball.

Lyle lost the first three holes of the afternoon round. "I dug my grave first, then filled it in before I finished," he said. "I wasn't just in low gear I was in reverse."

But he suddenly pulled his game together to launch his comeback.

The Spaniard and the Scot face each other tomorrow while defending champion Woosnam, the top seed, and Faldo, seeded fourth, clash in the other semifinal.

Woosnam and Faldo both beat top Americans in what was a disastrous day for the US tour quartet, in stark contrast to yesterday's opening day.

Woosnam crushed US PGA champion Jeff Sluman 7 and 6, Faldo won 5 and 4 against lead-

ing US moneywinner Joey Sindelar.

Today's four losers had all won first-round matches yesterday, when the top four seeds had byes.

Meanwhile, Woosnam said today he intended to play in the Sun City Million Dollar Challenge now that the date had been brought forward to the first week in December.

But he added he would not play for Wales in the World Cup in Australia the following week because of the travel involved and because he intended to take a holiday from golf.

The two tournaments had both been scheduled for December 8-11 and Woosnam said that if that situation had remained, he would not have played in either of them.

Athletics edge Red Sox

BOSTON, Oct. 7. (AP): Rookie Walt Weiss, the ninth-place hitter in a lineup of sluggers, singled home the tie-breaking run in the ninth inning last night allowing the Oakland Athletics beat the Boston Red Sox 4-3 for a commanding 2-0 lead in the American League playoffs.

The Athletics now head home, where they swept all six games from Boston this season and have won 14 of the last 15. Game 3 is tomorrow night with Oakland's Bob Welch facing Mike Boddicker.

Straight
Jose Canseco, who led the Majors with 42 home runs and 124 RBIs, homered for the second straight game and Mark McGwire hit an RBI single in the seventh for a 3-2 lead before Rich Gedman's home run in the bottom half of the inning tied it.

On Wednesday, Alejandro Pena forced Gary Carter to fly out with bases loaded and the tying run on first to give the Los Angeles Dodgers a 6-3 victory over the New York Mets and tie the best-of-seven National League Championship Series 1-1.

Dodger starter and winner Belcher went 8 and 1/3 innings, striking out 10 batters and allowing only five hits — two in the ninth inning.

With Los Angeles leading 6-2 in the ninth inning, Belcher allowed a leadoff double to Lenny Dykstra. Gregg Jefferies grounded out and Keith Hernandez, who earlier had hit a two-run home run, singled Dykstra home.

Los Angeles brought in former Met Jesse Orosco to pitch to Darrel Strawberry, who singled to left, putting men on first on second. Pena relieved Orosco and forced Kevin McReynolds to foul out to third.

Pena then walked Howard Johnson to load the bases, but Carter, who won the game on Tuesday with a double in the ninth inning, flied out to right to end the game.

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Connors and Edberg in last eight

BASEL, Switzerland, Oct. 7. (AP): Second-seeded Jimmy Connors of the United States downed Eduardo Masso of Argentina 2-6, 6-2, 6-1 last night to join six other seeds in the quarterfinals of the \$270,000 Swiss indoor men's tennis tournament.

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Lewis heads star field for Tokyo meet

TOKYO, Oct. 7. (UPI): Americans Carl Lewis, Florence Griffith Joyner, Roger Kingdom and Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Soviets Sergei Bubka and Genadiy Avdeenko and Jamaican Grace Jackson head a star-studded cast of Olympic medalists who will bring the 1988 track and field season to a close here tomorrow.

A total of 77 athletes from 23 countries who won 56 medals between them at the Olympic Games which ended in Seoul on Sunday, compete in the Toshiba Super International Meet '88, at the National Stadium, built for the first Olympics in Asia in 1964.

Sixteen gold medalists as well as 130 local athletes are expected to compete.

Record
The stadium will be the venue for the Third World Championships in three years, and officials say tomorrow's meet will give them useful experience in running a major event.

But one man not running tomorrow, although he could be back on the track by 1991, is Canadian Ben Johnson, who lost his Olympic 100 metres title and world record of 9.79 seconds

when he was positively tested for steroids in Seoul.

Ironically, Johnson's season began to go wrong when he pulled a hamstring in a meet in Tokyo in May. He was originally scheduled to race against Lewis tomorrow in what would have been a bumper pay-day for both men.

Now Lewis, who was awarded the 100 metres gold medal after Johnson's disqualification, will face compatriots Calvin Smith, the 100 metres bronze medalist in Seoul, and Dennis Mitchell, who finished fourth.

"I was very pleased with my Olympics," said Lewis today, "and I am now looking to end my season on a high note with another good performance."

Griffith Joyner, who won three golds and a silver in the 4 x 400 metres relay in Seoul as well as breaking the 200 metres world record twice in one day, runs the 100 metres against former Olympic champion Evelyn Ashford, and former world champion Marlies Goech of East Germany.

Goech said today she was retiring after the meet, bringing a gilded 12-year-career to a close.

Griffith Joyner said today she



Griffith Joyner smiles during a press conference in Tokyo today. On her left is her husband Al Joyner. (Reuters wirephoto)

was not satisfied with holding just the 100 metres and 200 metres world records.

"I think I can go faster in both the 100 and 200," she said, "and I plan to spend a year learning how to run the 400 metres properly and go for the world record in that."

Griffith Joyner is only running the 100 metres, with Grace Jackson, the silver medalist in the 200 metres, favourite to win that event.

Joyner-Kersey, the heptathlete and long jump champion will be unlikely to win her race however. She runs the 100 metres hurdles

against Bulgarian Olympic champion and world record holder, Yordanka Donkova.

Almost every track race and field event includes at least one Olympic medalist, and three — the men's 110 metres hurdles, and the men's high and triple jumps, have all the Seoul medalists involved.

The men's 400 metres only includes bronze medalist Danny Everett, but that's because gold medalist Steve Lewis is running against 200 metres gold medalist Joe DeLoach of the United States and bronze medalist Robson da Silva of Brazil in the half-lap sprint.

Kingdom, silver medalist Colin Jackson of Britain and bronze medalist Toni Campbell of the US face each other again in the high hurdles, while Andre Phillips of the US and Amadou Dia Ba who finished 1-2 in the 400 metres hurdles ahead of Ed Moses, renew their rivalry.

All four men who medalled in the high jump — Avdeenko, American Hollis Conway, and joint bronze medalists Rudolf Povrnitsyn of the Soviet Union and Patrik Sjoberg of Sweden, do battle again.

